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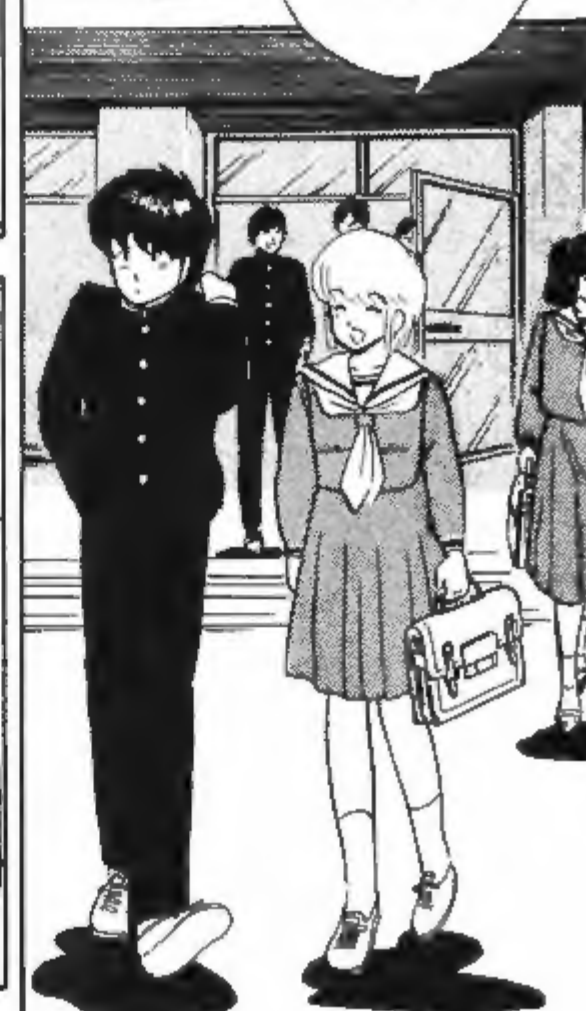


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A SECRET PART-TIME JOB



How about a fancy drink with me...?



*TN: GOLDEN WEEK: IS A LONG HOLIDAY PERIOD, RESULTING FROM SEVERAL NATIONAL HOLIDAYS AT THE END OF APRIL AND BEGINNING OF MAY. MANY PEOPLE MAKE IT AN EXTENDED HOLIDAY.
 **TN: KARUIZAWA: POPULAR TOURIST SPOT, ESPECIALLY IN SUMMER.

I WAS ALSO
SCARED OF
GOING TOO
FAR, IF I
WENT WITH
HIKARU.

WHAT IF
I TAKE YOU
WITH ME TO
KARUIZAWA?

BUT I'D
RATHER STAY
HOME AND
TAKE IT EASY,
SO I BEGGED
OFF!

HA, HA, HA,
MY FATHER
INVITED US
TO GO TO
HOKKAIDO.

AND I HAD A
HUNCH THAT
WITH SO MUCH
FREE TIME I
WOULDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO
WITH MYSELF.

T-
THAT'D
BE NICE,
B-BUT...

WHY DON'T
YOU COME
WITH ME?

OH...

HEY,
MADOKA!



...I DON'T
WANT
AYUKAWA
TO SEE
ME LIKE
THIS!



I
ALWAYS
THINK
THE
SAME,
BUT...

WHY
ARE YOU
IN SUCH A
HURRY?!



...IN A
HURRY!

WELL,
YES, I'M...



AYUKAWA
HAS BEEN
GOING
HOME UN-
USUALLY
EARLY,
THESE
DAYS.

SO
SHE
IS... I
WONDER
WHY?

IT
WORRIES
ME, FOR
SOME
REASON!



SEE YOU,
KASUGA.









I'D SAY
THEY'LL
SERVE
FOOD
HERE.

I'M SURE
THIS WASN'T
HERE LAST
TIME I
PASSED
BY.



OH, IT'S A
RESTAURANT
& PUB!

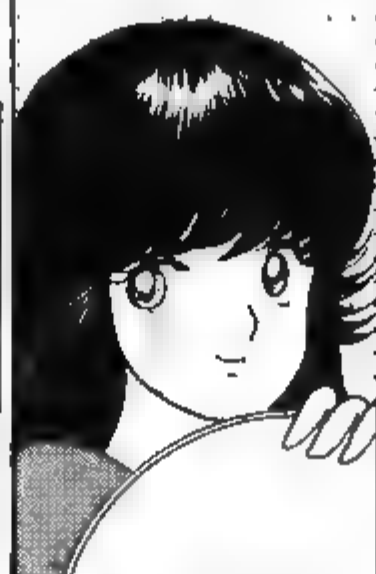
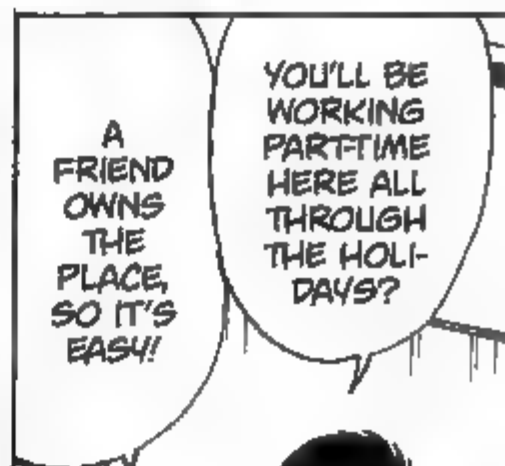


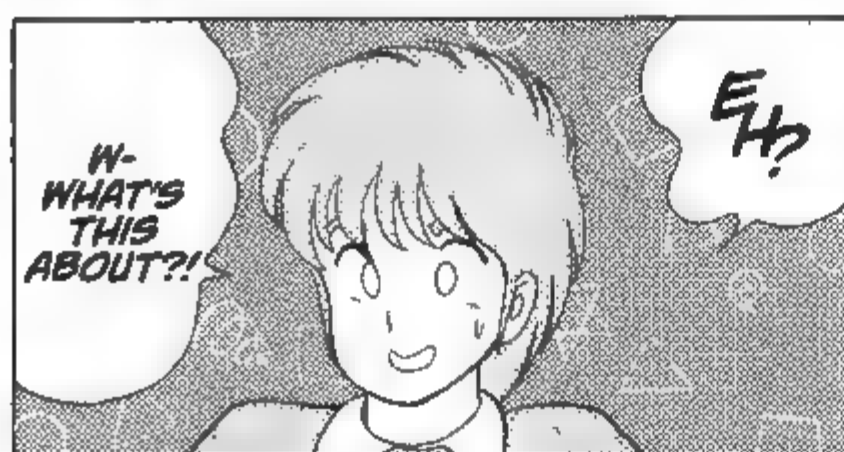
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YOU
LIKE TO
ORDER?

ERR,
LET ME SEE.

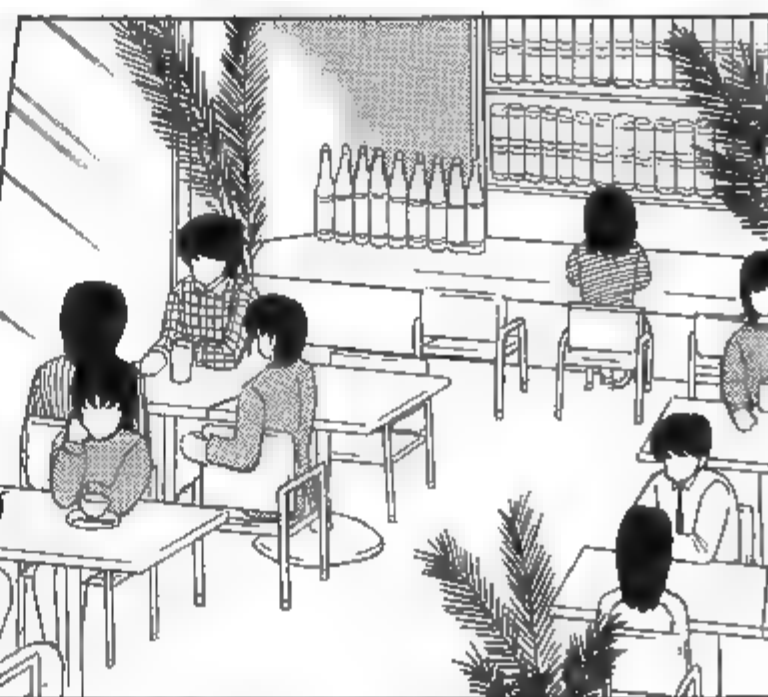
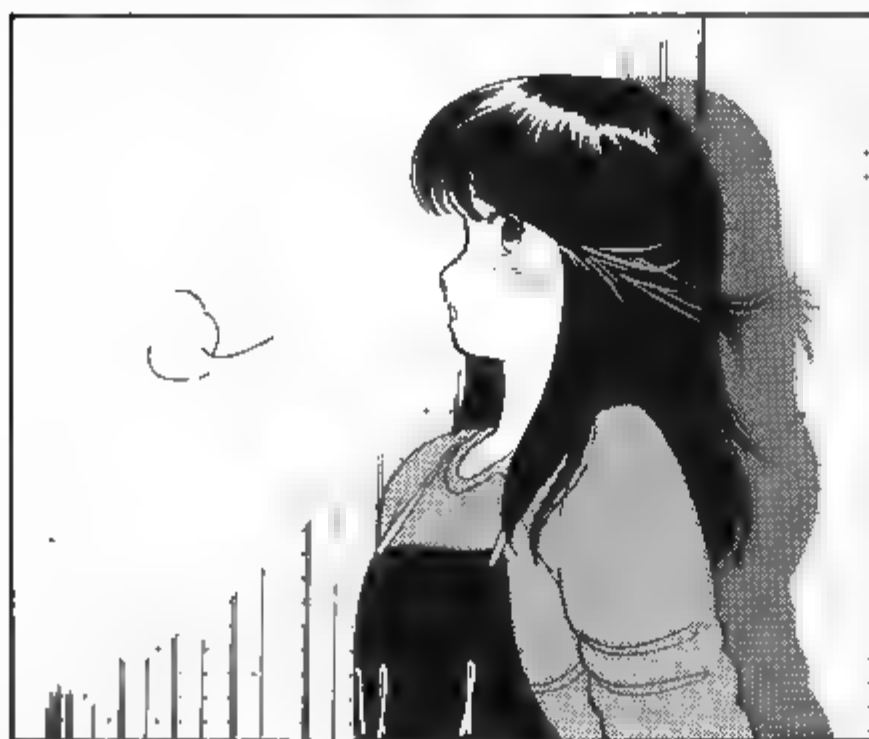
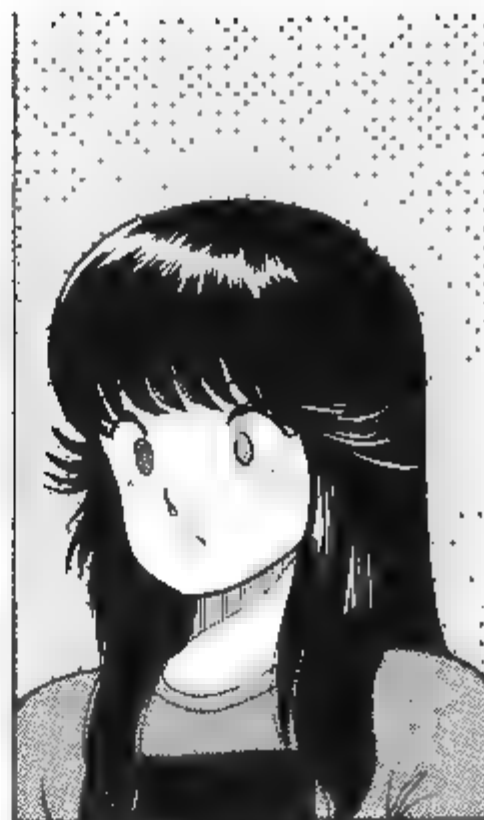


WOW,
IT'S QUITE
A NICE
PLACE.











STOP



NO ONE KNOWS I'M WORKING HERE WITH AYUKAWA.

?

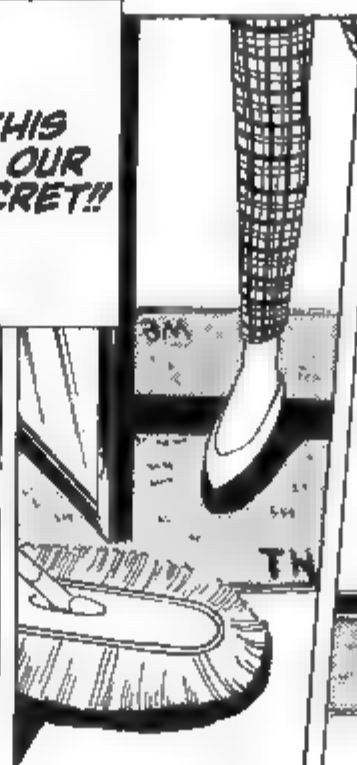


THE JOB'S PRETTY HARD, BUT MAYBE BECAUSE AYUKAWA IS HERE IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME AT ALL.



GOOD MORNING.

THIS IS OUR SECRET!!



IT SEEMS I'M A WEE BIT CLOSER TO AYUKAWA'S MYSTERIOUS PRIVATE LIFE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



I WON'T EVEN TELL HIKARU, OF COURSE.



FAR OUT,
HA, HA, HA!

AND, THEN,
ALL TOO SOON,
IT'S THE 5TH
OF MAY AND
THAT'S MY
LAST DAY
AT WORK!



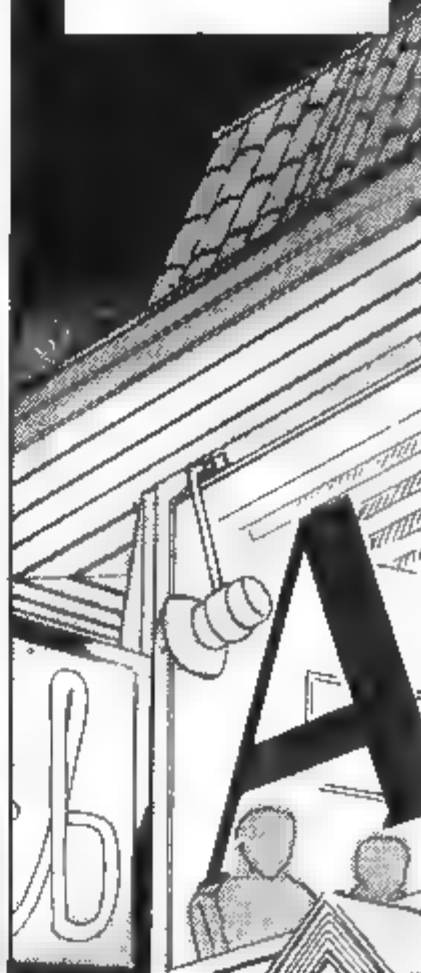
WOULD THAT
BE BECAUSE
AYUKAWA WAS
HERE?

YES,
BUT
IT WAS
QUITE
FUN
TOO.



IT WAS
TOUGH,
WASN'T
IT?

THANKS
SO MUCH,
KASU-
GA!



ISN'T
YOUR
WIFE
WAITING
FOR
YOU?

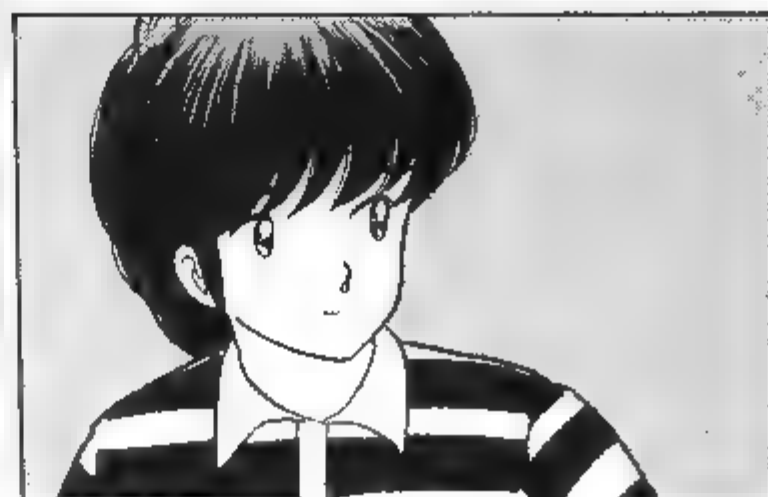
HEY,
MASTER,
WHILE
YOU LOAF
AROUND
HERE,

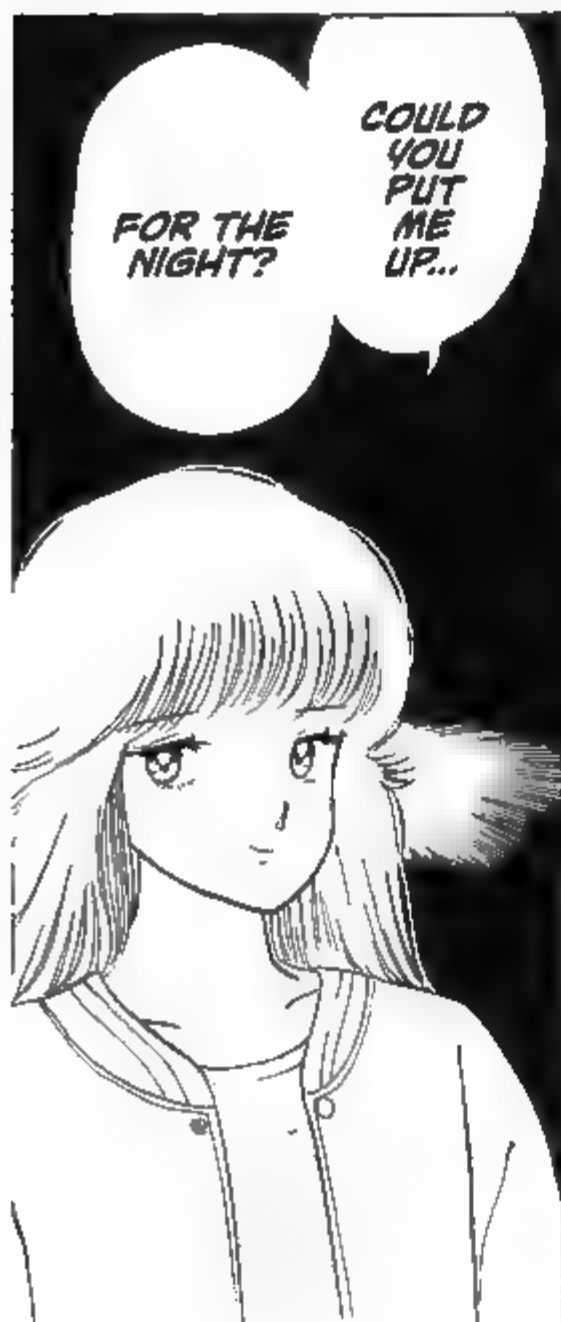
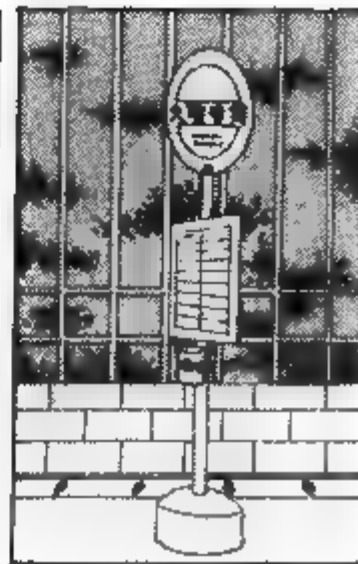
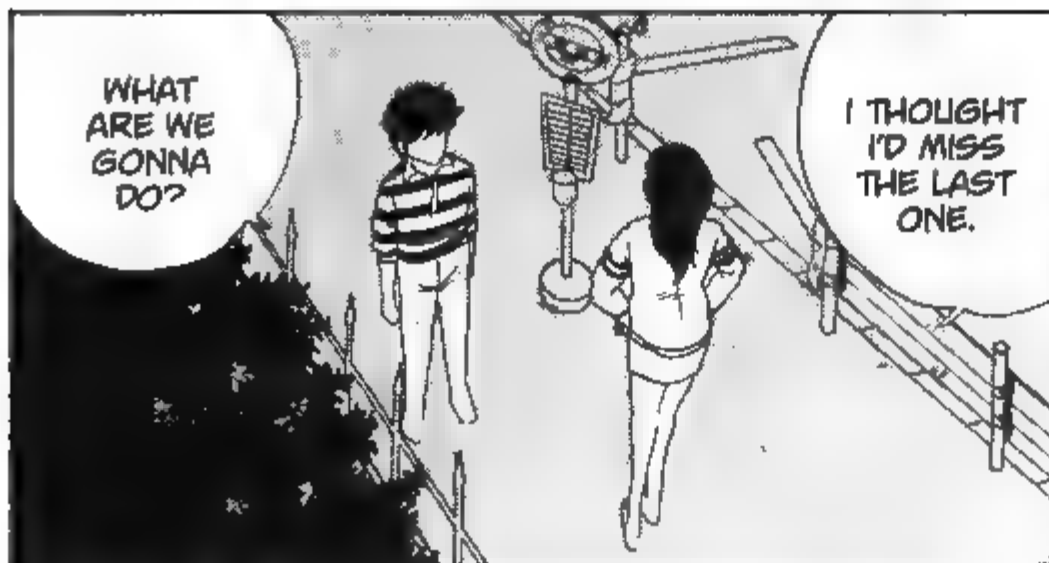


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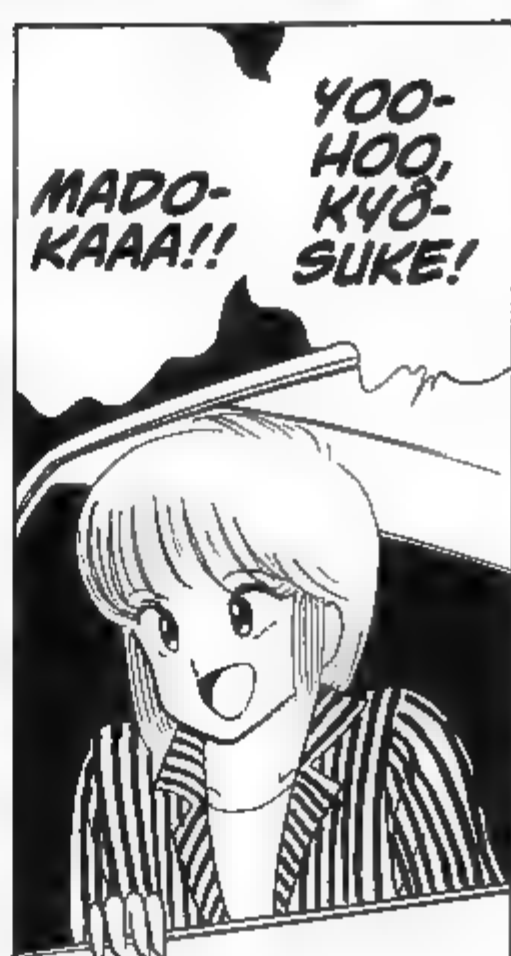
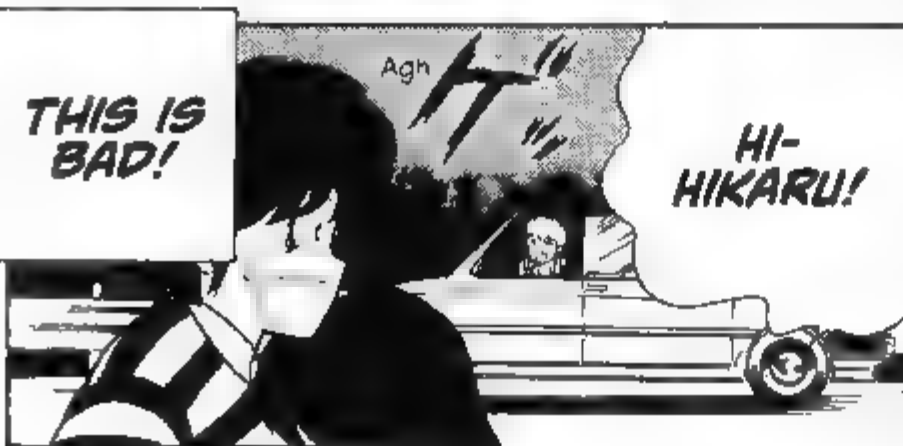
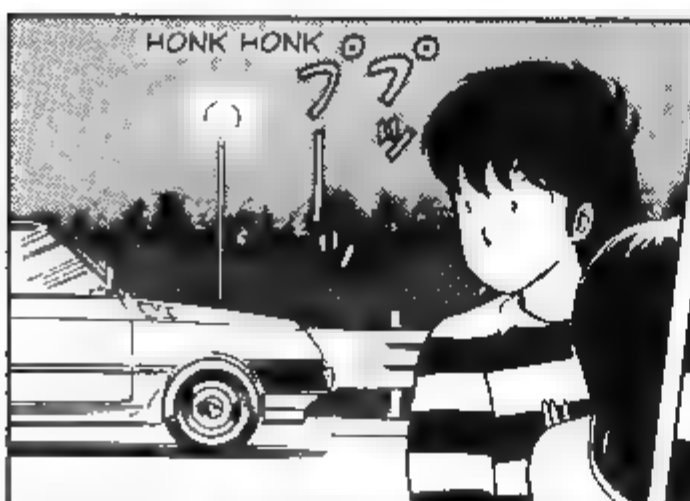
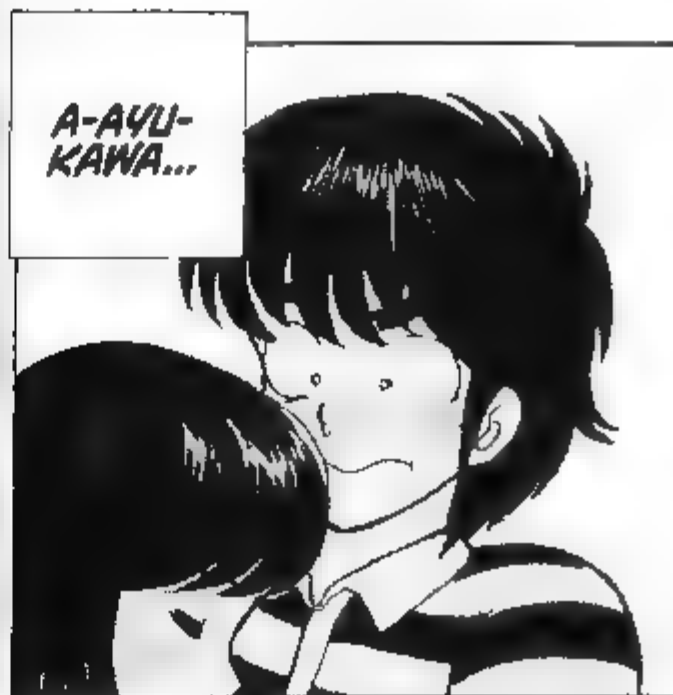


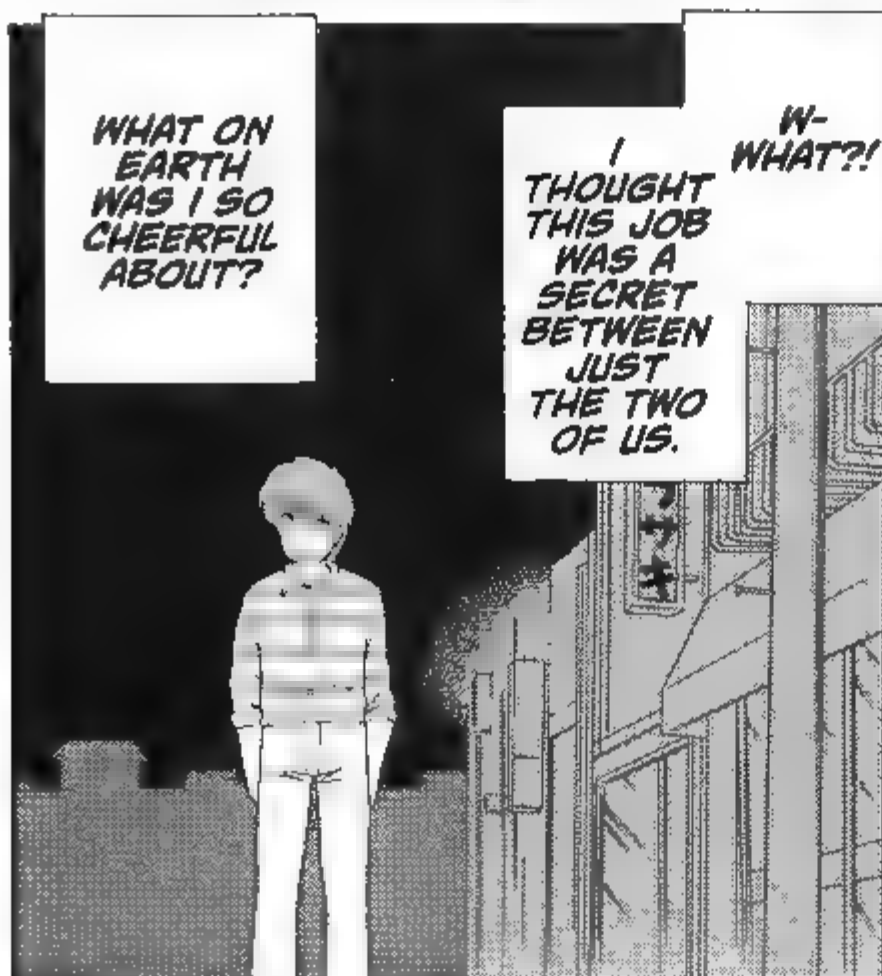
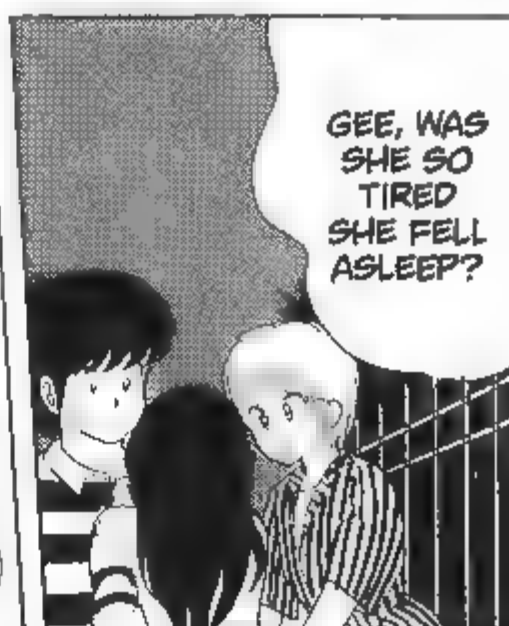












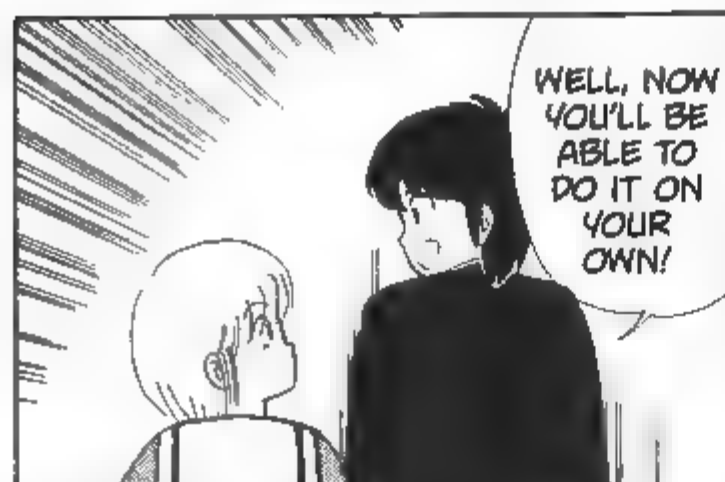
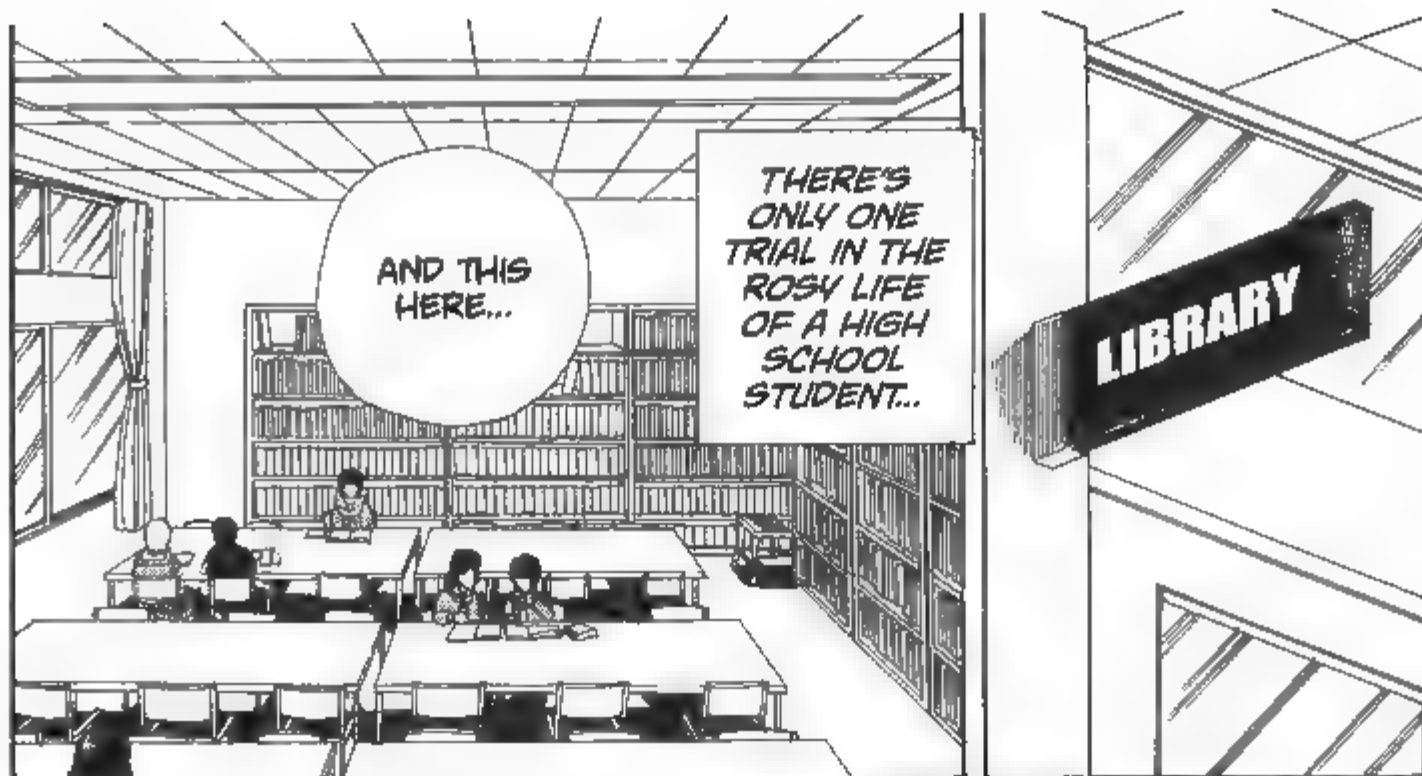


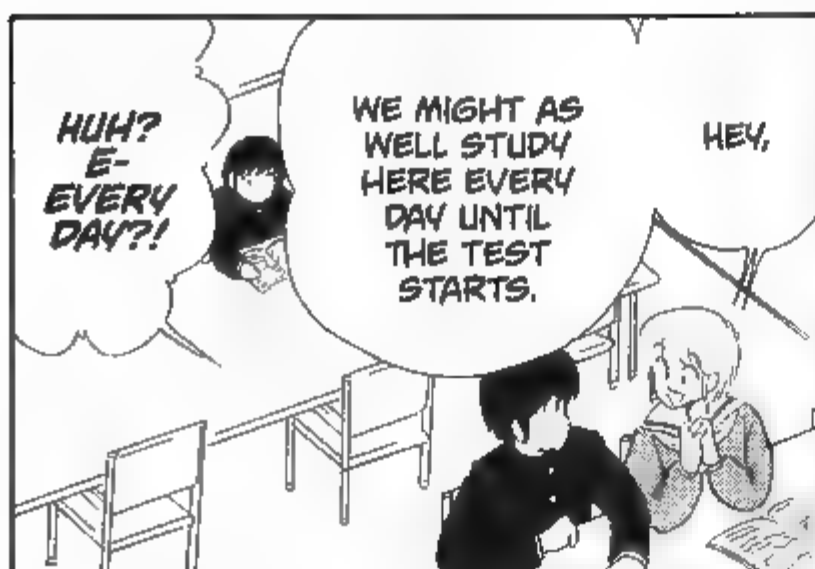
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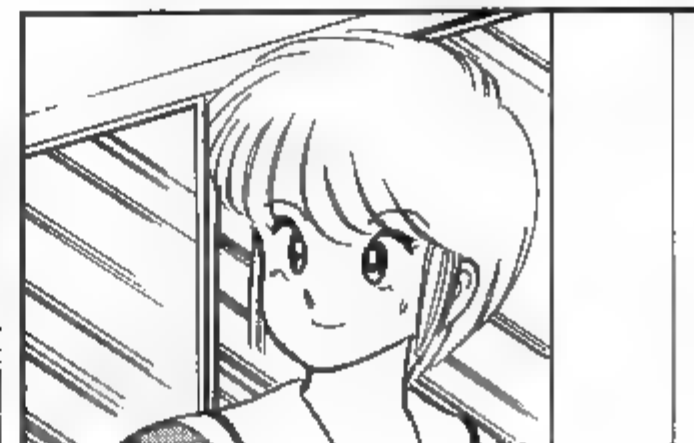
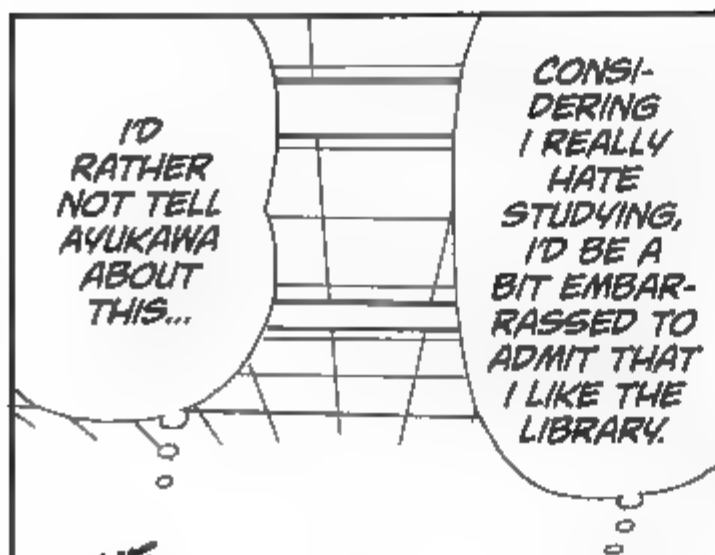
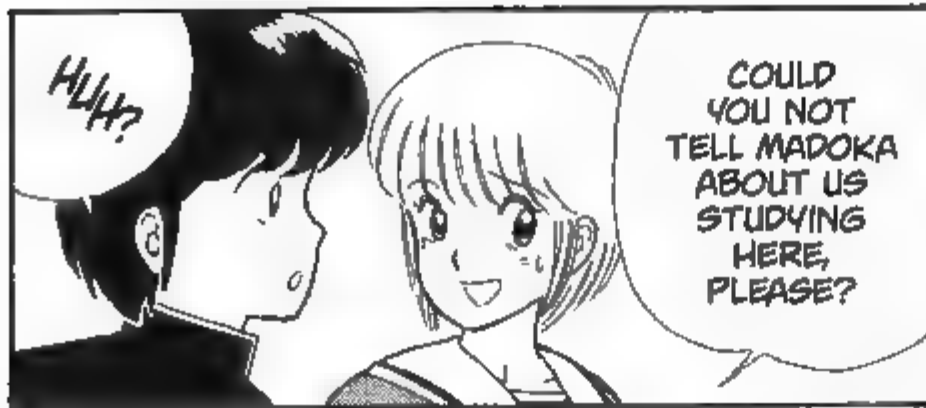
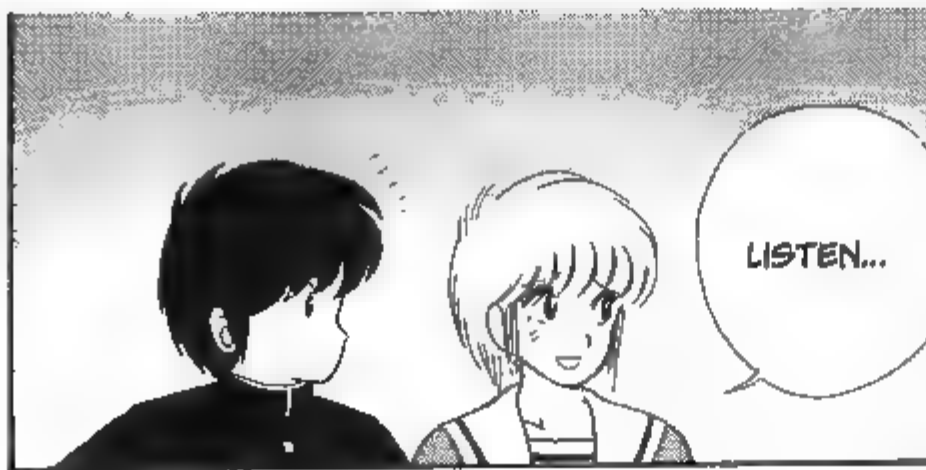
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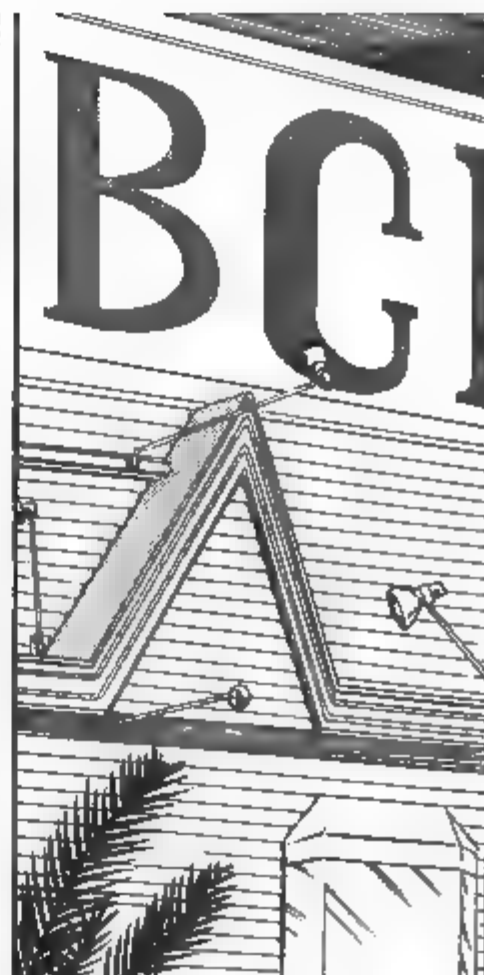


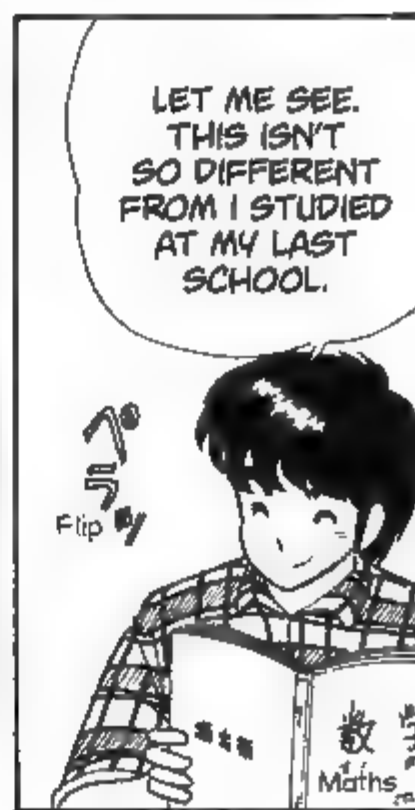
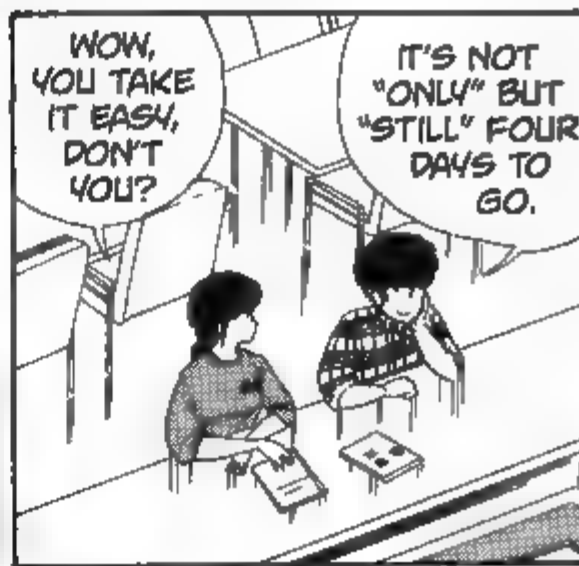
**I'd like to get closer to her,
but I don't want to form a love triangle!**

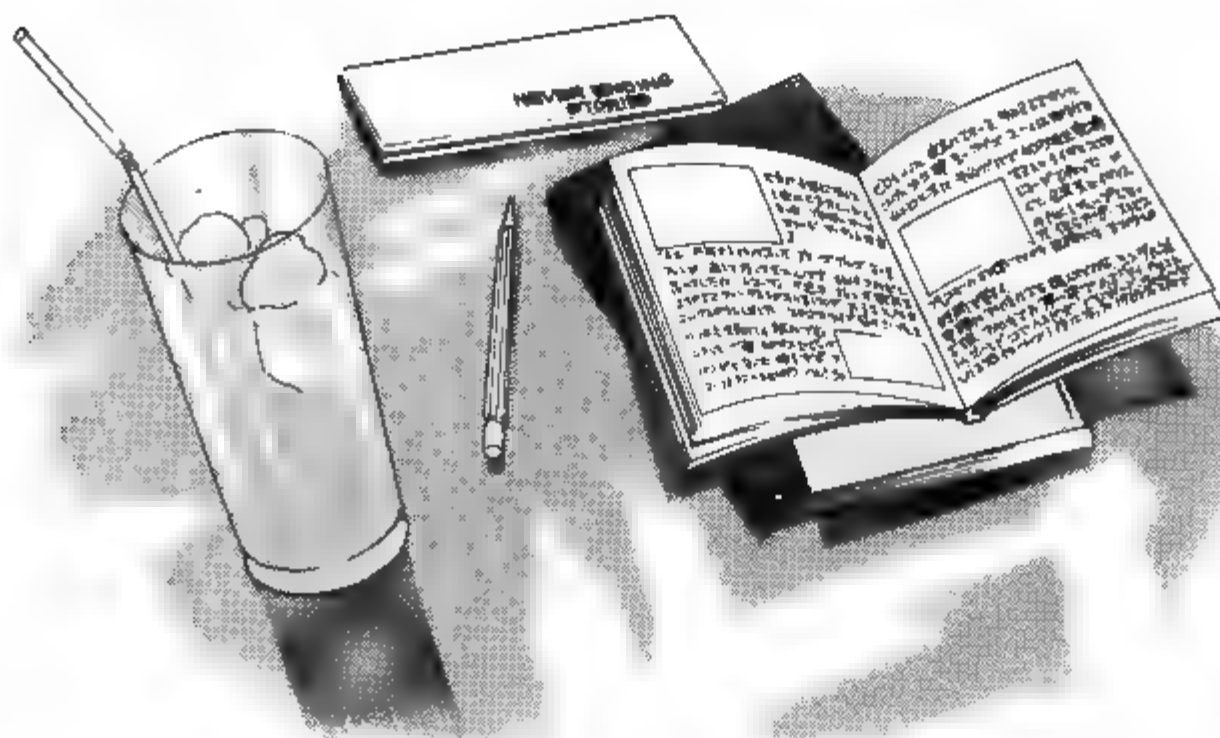
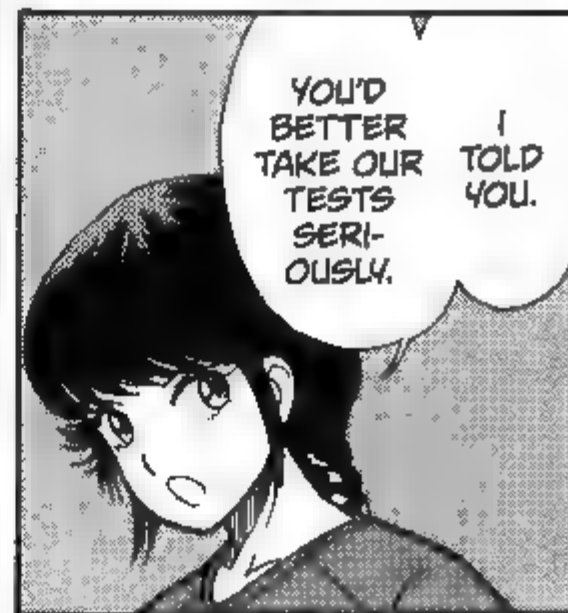














WE CAN
STUDY
TOGETHER
UNTIL THE
TEST, IF
YOU WANT.



I'D SAY
LOWER-
UPPER
LEVEL...

I'M GETTING
A BIT WORRIED.
YOU'RE FROM
THE UPPER-
MIDDLE
LEVEL,
AREN'T
YOU?



IT'S
ALWAYS
THE
SAME,
THOUGH.

HIKA-
RU...?!

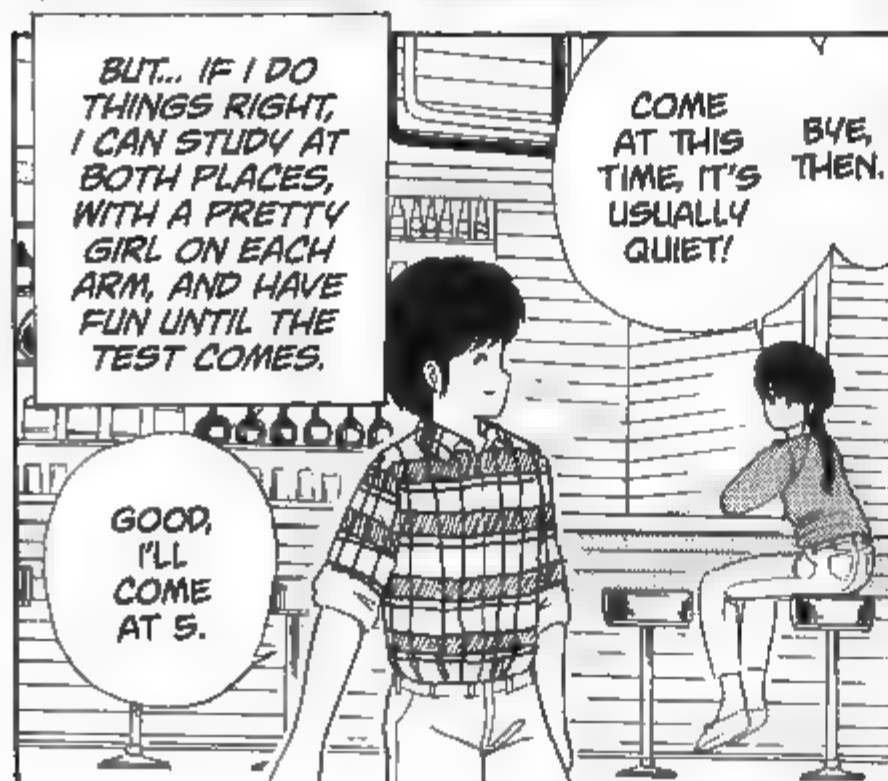
SHE'S
GIVEN
UP...?!

EH,



SHE
SAID
SHE'S
GIVEN UP
ON THIS
TEST.

I USUALLY
HELP HIKARU
WITH HER
STUDIES,
BUT...



BUT... IF I DO
THINGS RIGHT,
I CAN STUDY AT
BOTH PLACES,
WITH A PRETTY
GIRL ON EACH
ARM, AND HAVE
FUN UNTIL THE
TEST COMES.

GOOD,
I'LL
COME
AT 5.

COME
AT THIS
TIME, IT'S
USUALLY
QUIET!

BYE,
THEN.

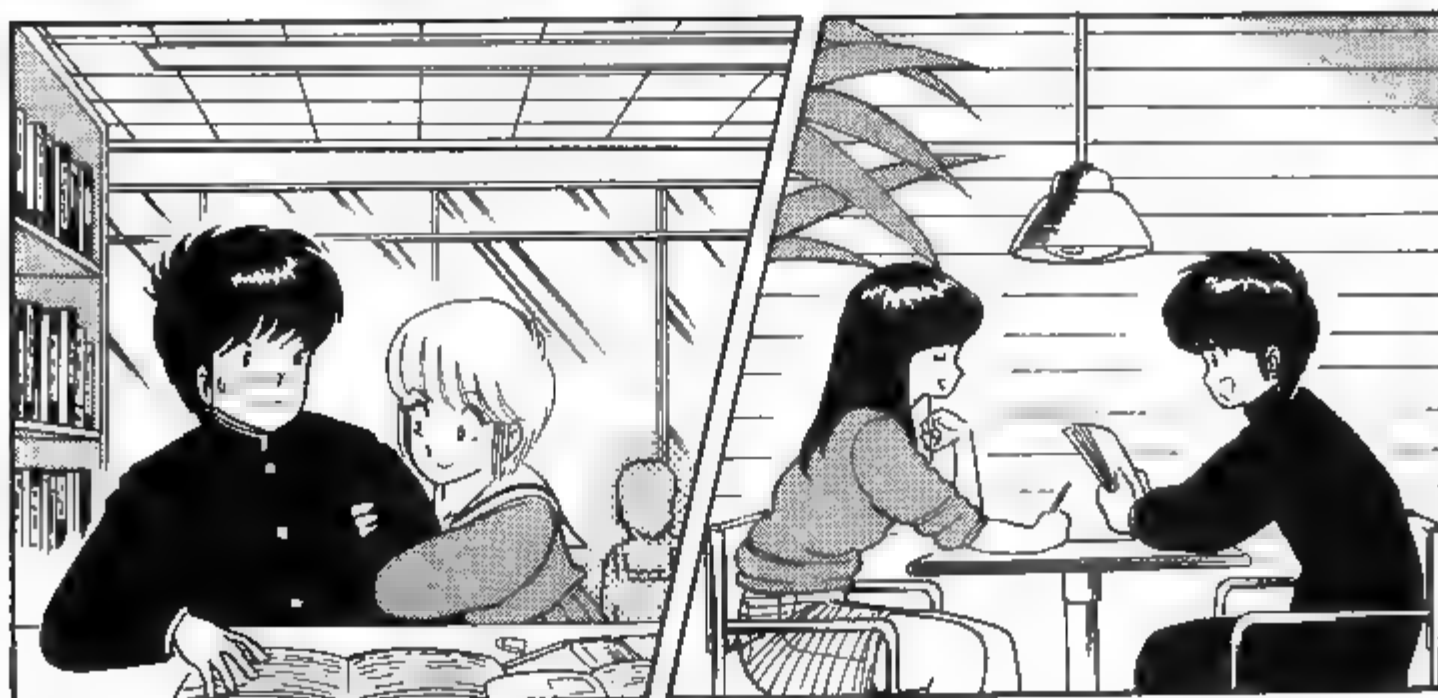
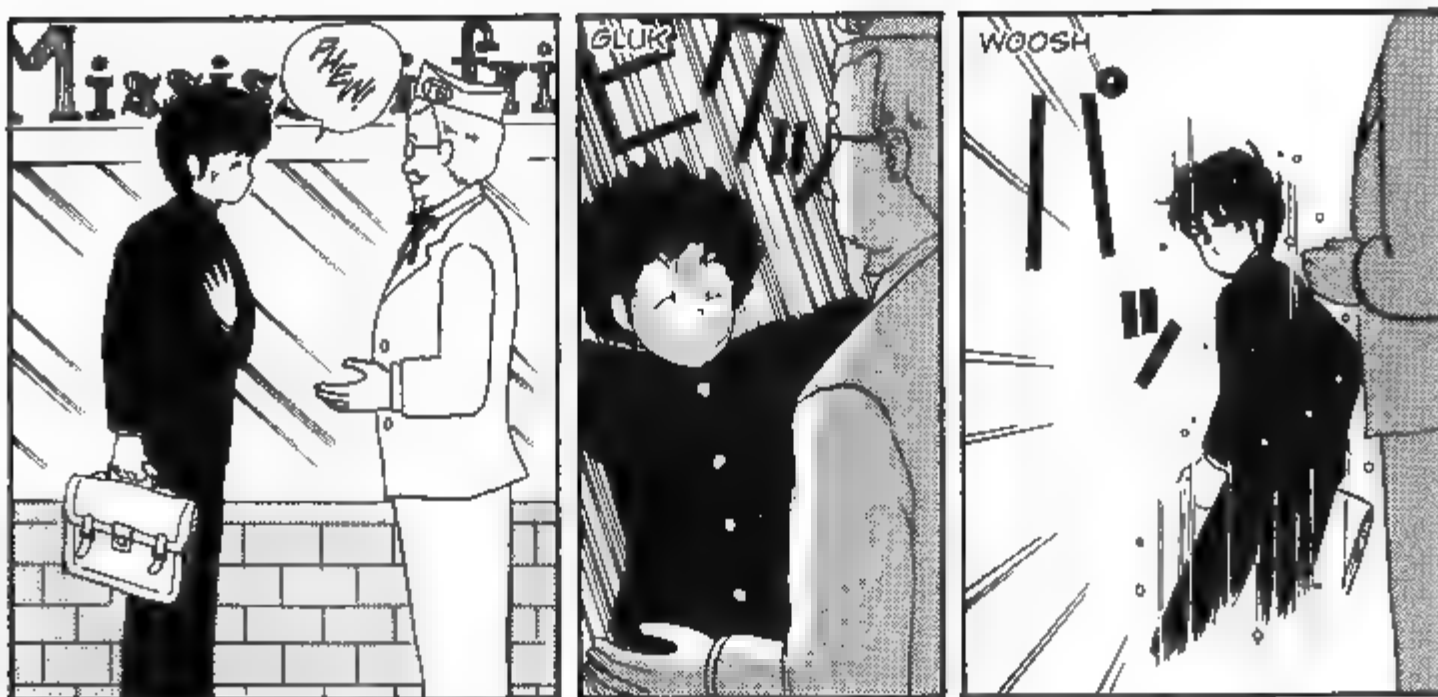


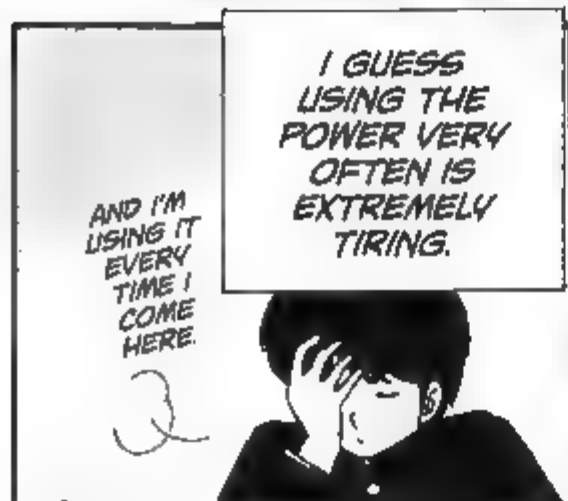
AND I
DON'T HATE
STUDYING,
YOU KNOW.

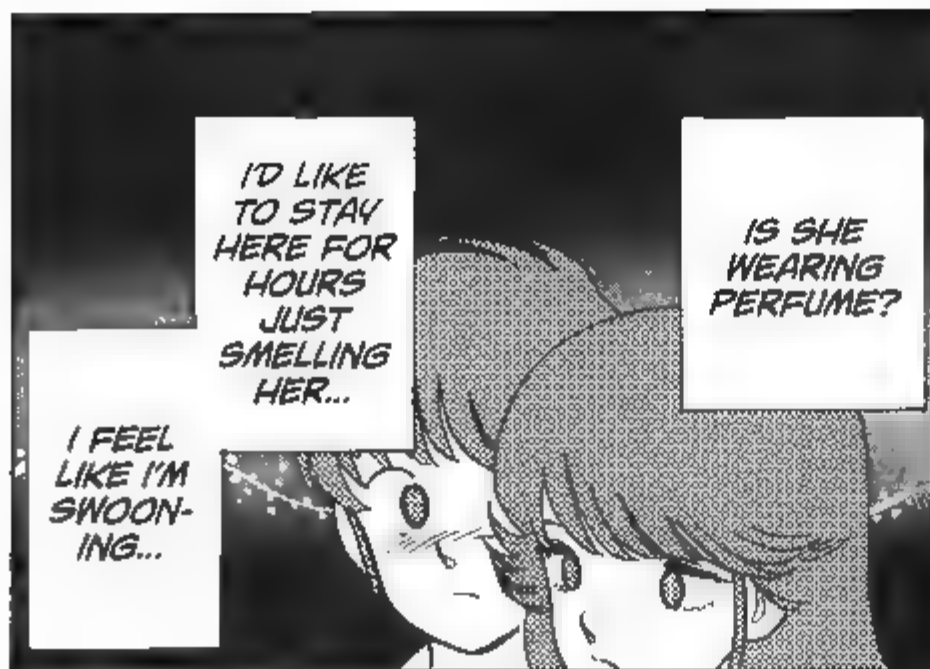
SHE
TOOK
ME IN!!

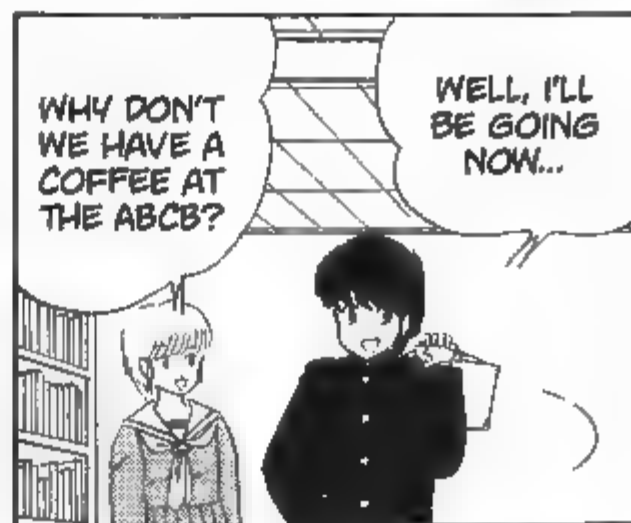
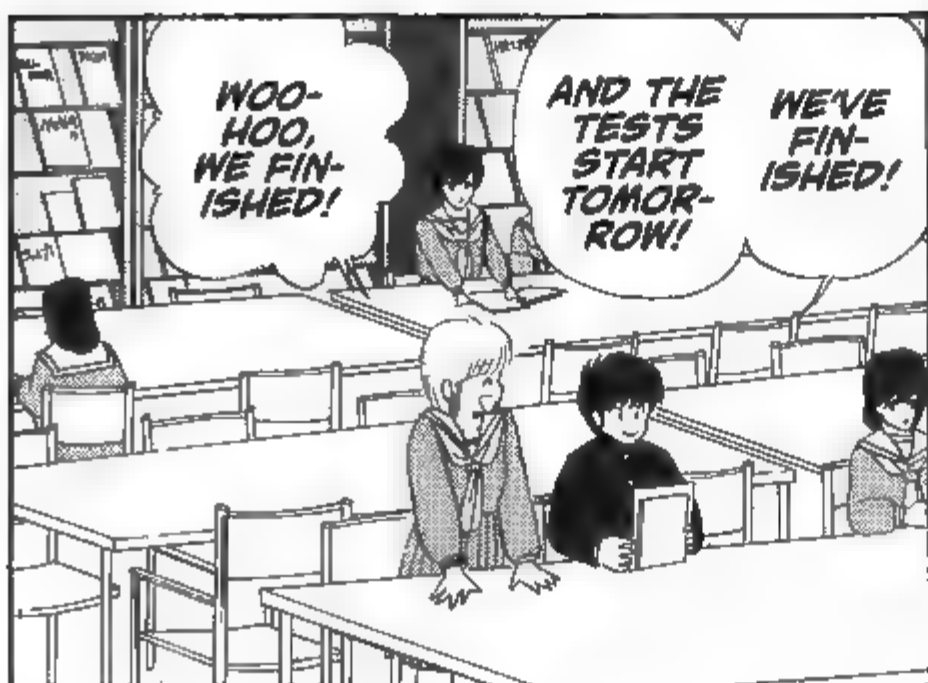
SO
STUDY-
ING WAS
NOT
HER
PUR-
POSE!!











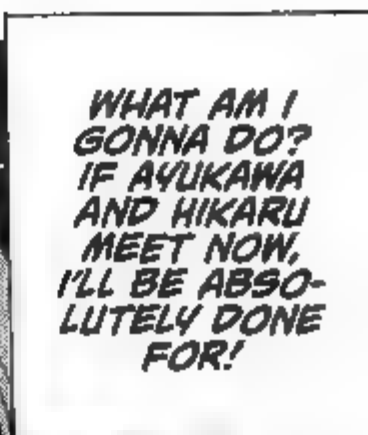


HOW ABOUT GOING TO CHEER TO THE US UP? MOVIES

THERE'S NOTHING GOOD ON.



YOU LIAR!! YOU WERE STUDYING WITH HIKARU!!



WHAT AM I GONNA DO? IF AYUKAWA AND HIKARU MEET NOW, I'LL BE ABSOLUTELY DONE FOR!

YOU'RE MEAN!! YOU PREFER MADOKA TO ME, DON'T YOU?!



DON'T WORRY, I'M TREATING YOU.

THEN...



THE CHEESE CAKE AT ABCB IS DELICIOUS.

OR WE COULD GO AND HAVE SOME CAKE...

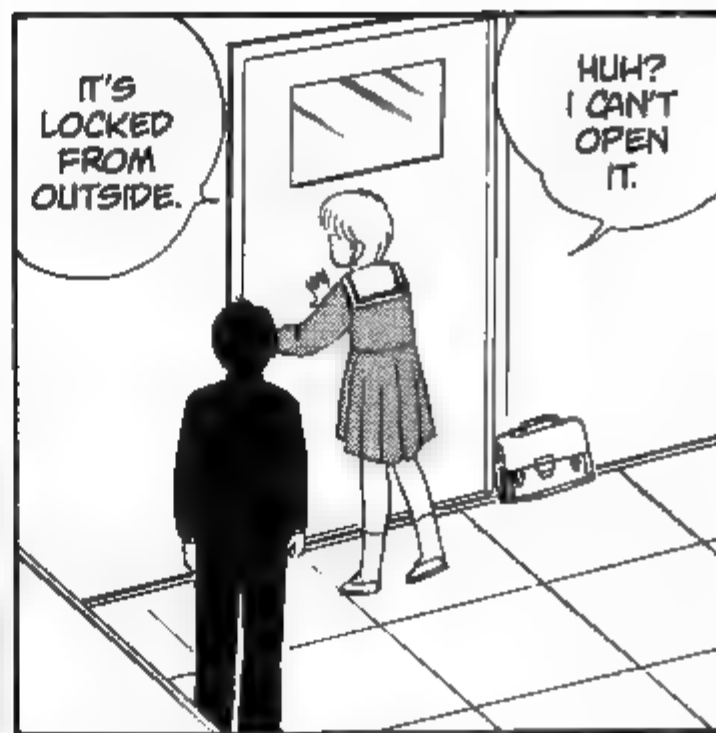


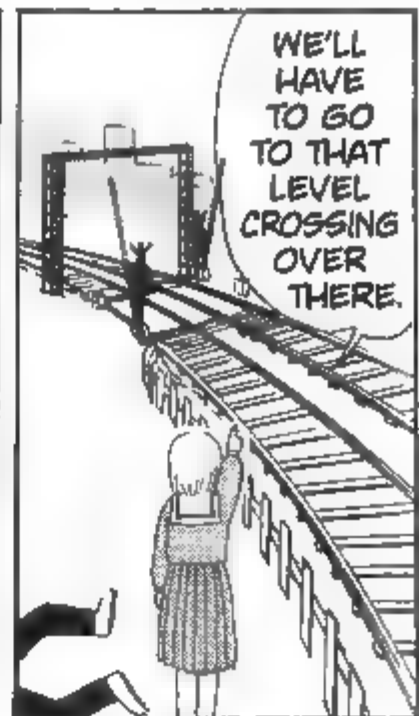
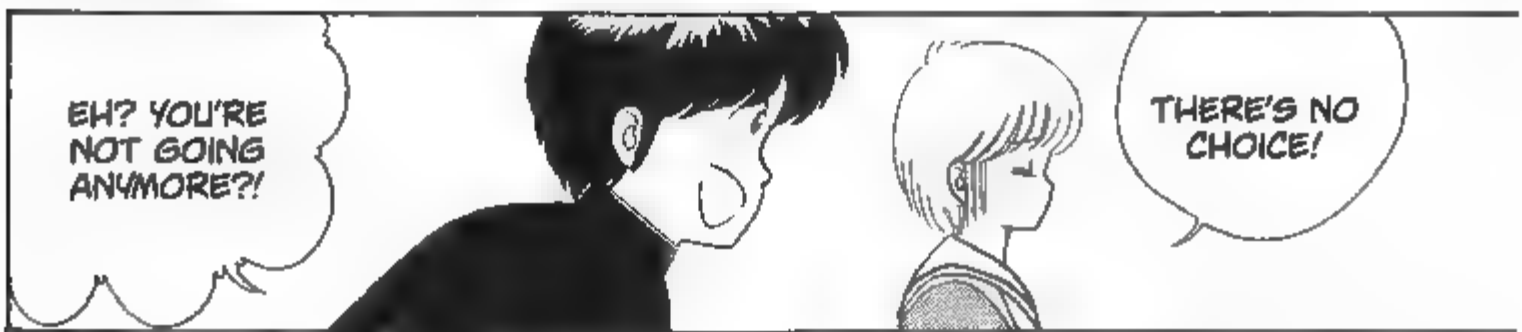
OKAY, COME TO THIS...

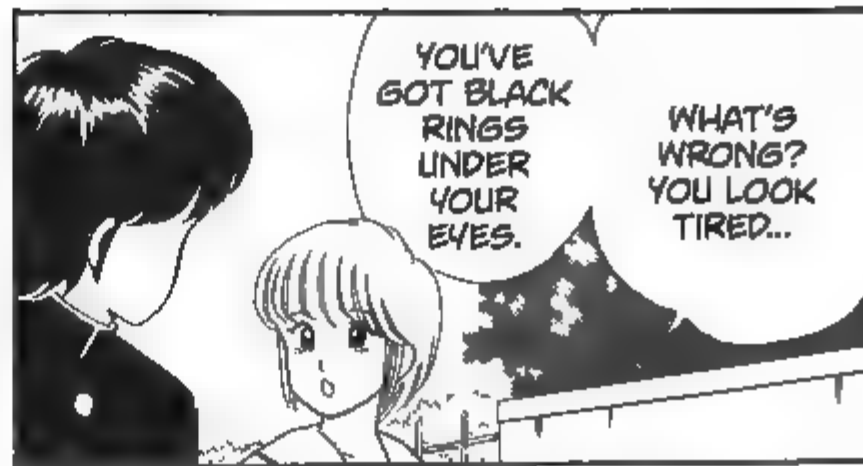


I CAN'T LET THEM MEET NOW!

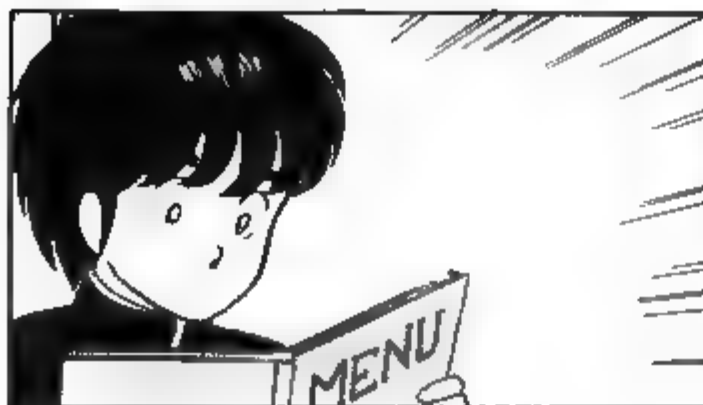
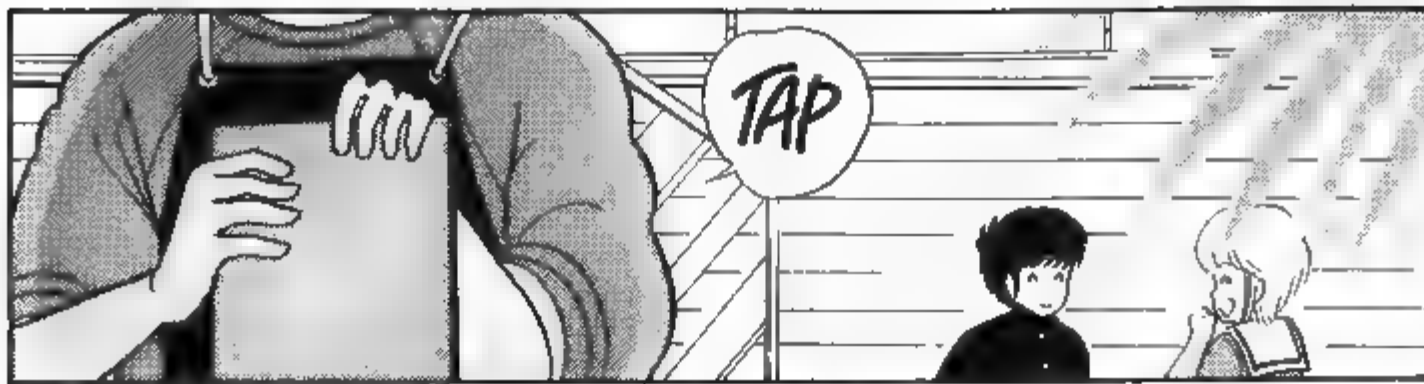
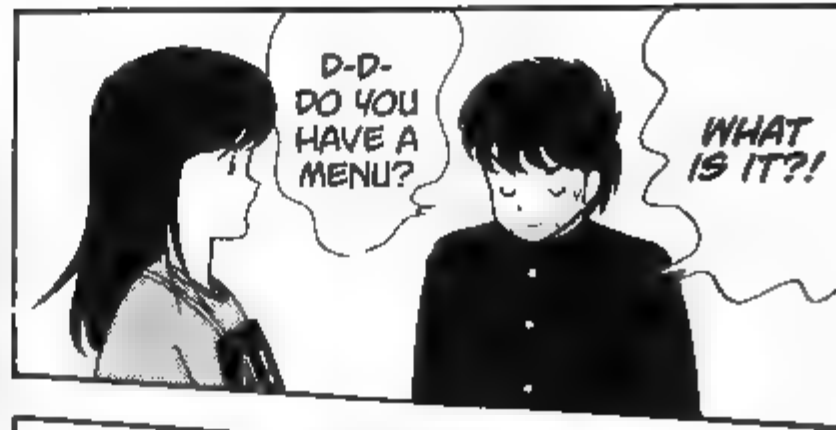














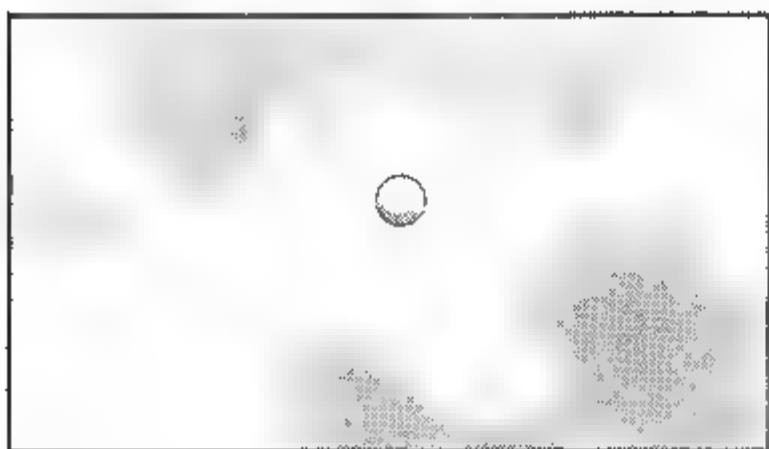


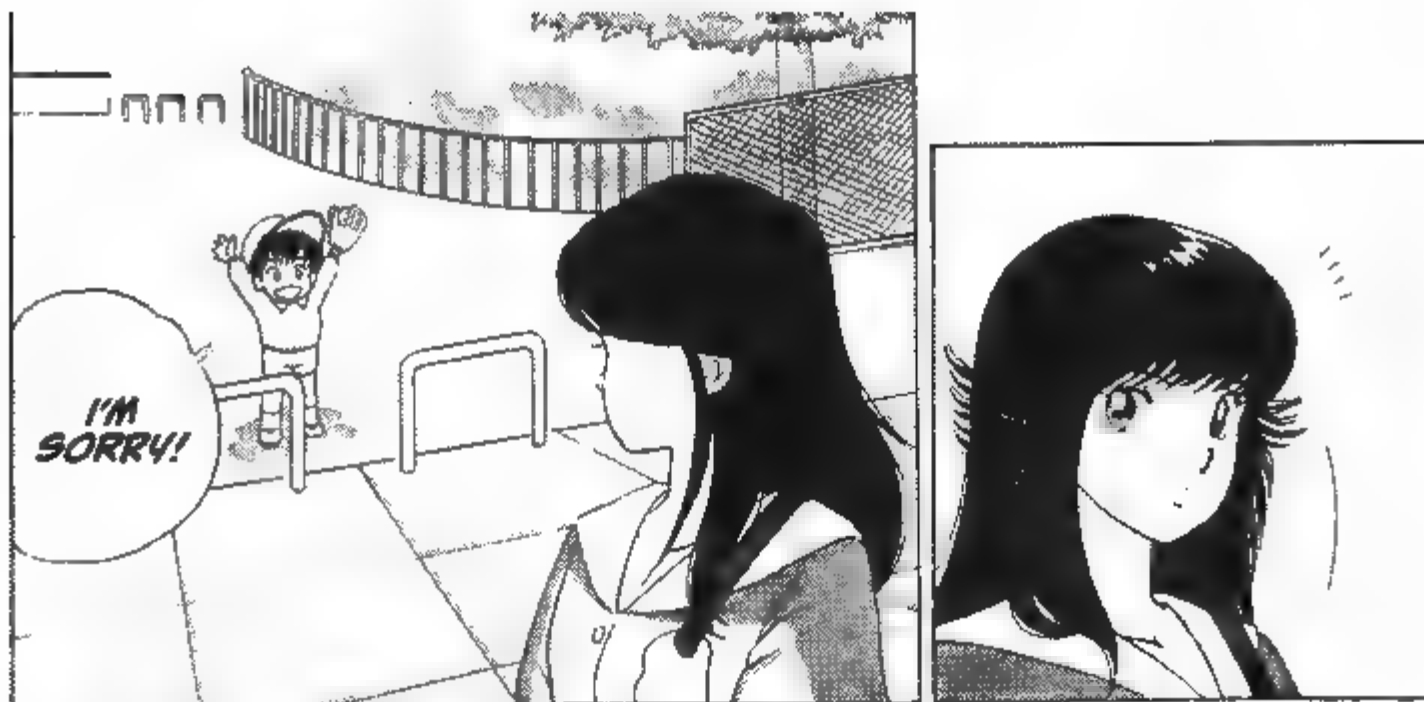
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SHOPPING BOOGIE!



**That cute girl occupies a page of my heart!
A dazzling early summer photograph...**



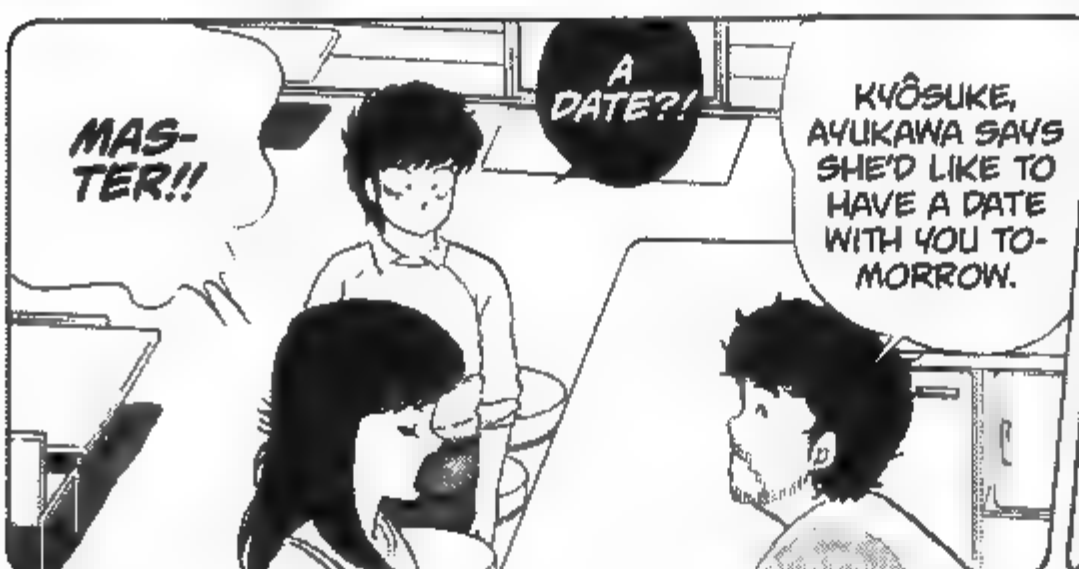
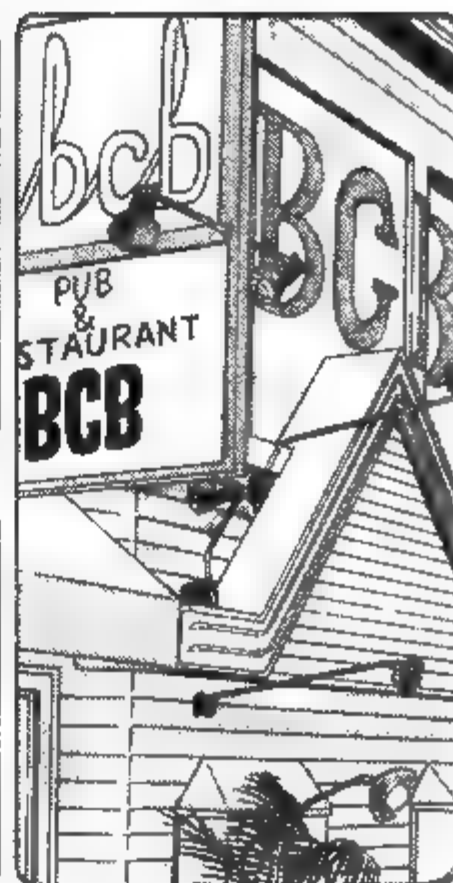


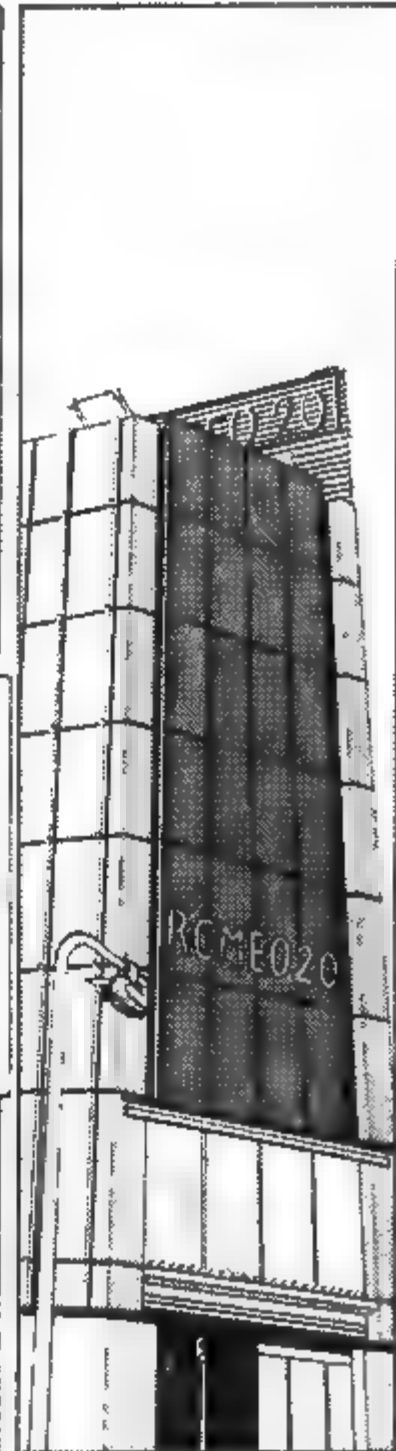
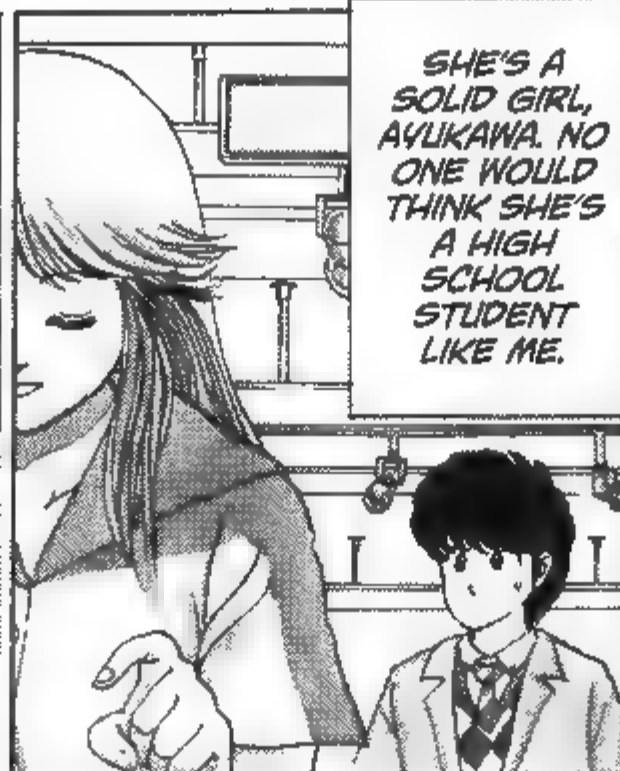


SOME TIME
AGO, I WOULD
NEVER HAVE
DONE THIS...

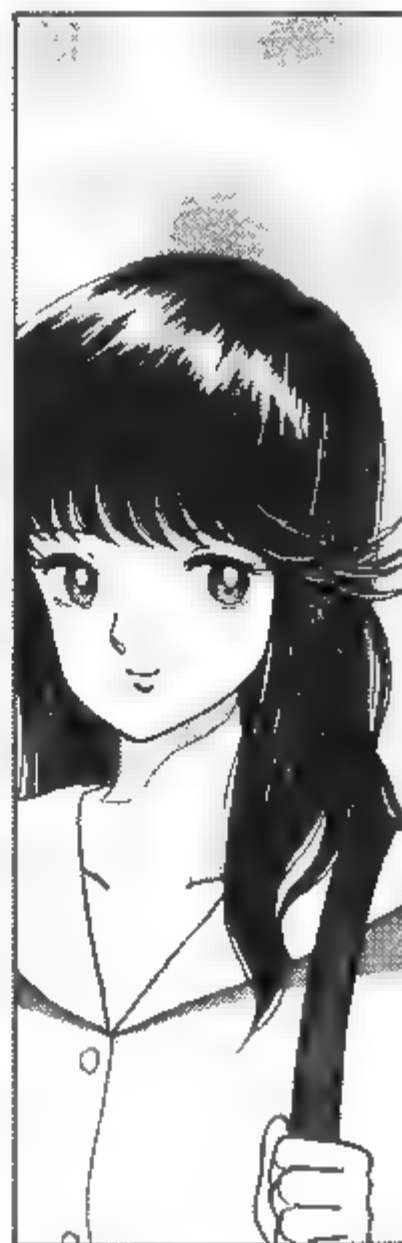
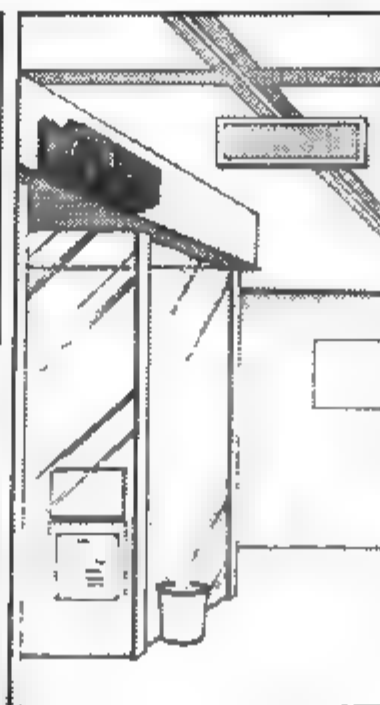






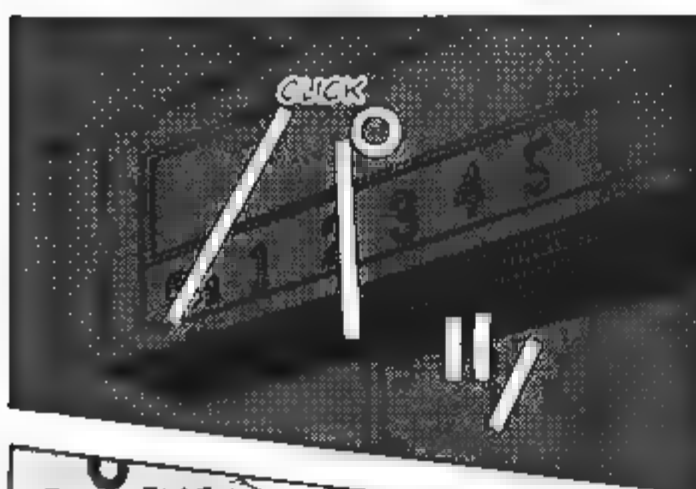














HELLO?!

AH, YES!



THERE'S A PHONE!

W-WHAT CAN WE DO?!



F-FIRE!!



I SEE. MAY I ASK YOU FOR A LITTLE MORE PATIENCE? ALL WILL BE OVER SOON. HELP IS COMING...

HELLO, WE'RE IN THE ELEVATOR RIGHT NOW...



Eh?

CLK

AAAH! THERE'S SMOKE HERE TOO...!



OH...



AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WON'T HAVE TIME TO HELP US OUT...



THE PLACE IS ON FIRE...

WHAT DID THEY SAY?



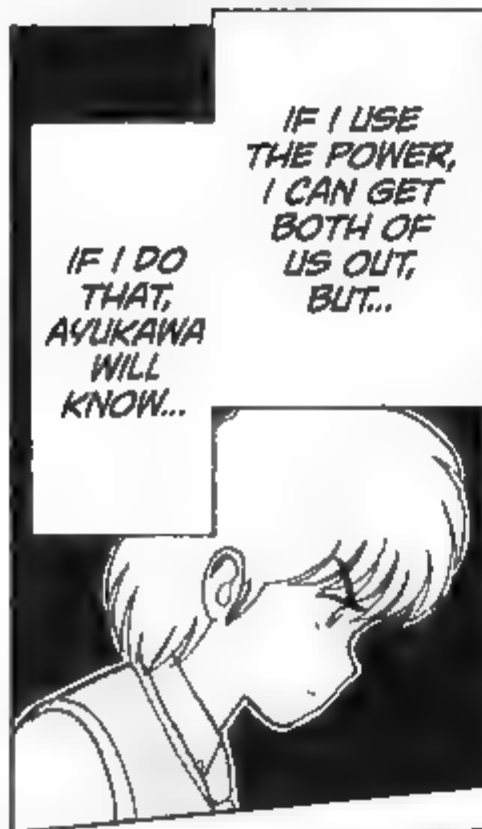
THUD



I CAN'T
OPEN
THE
CEILING
EITHER!

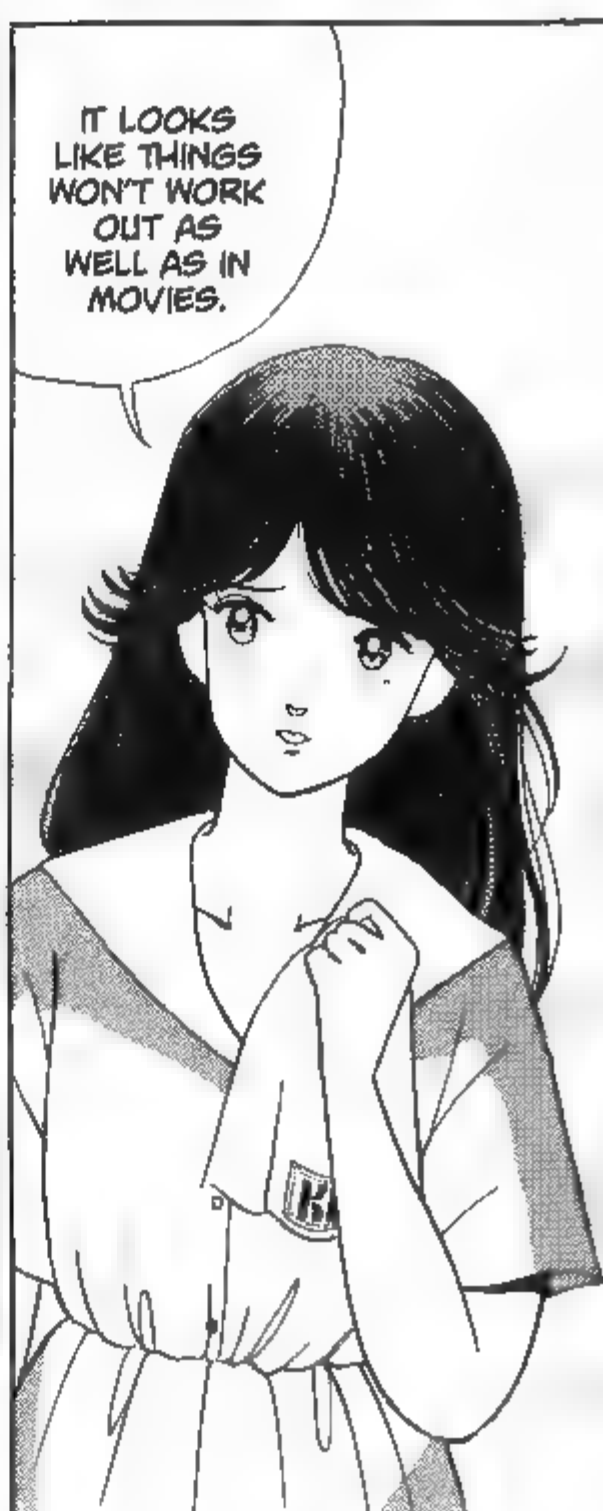
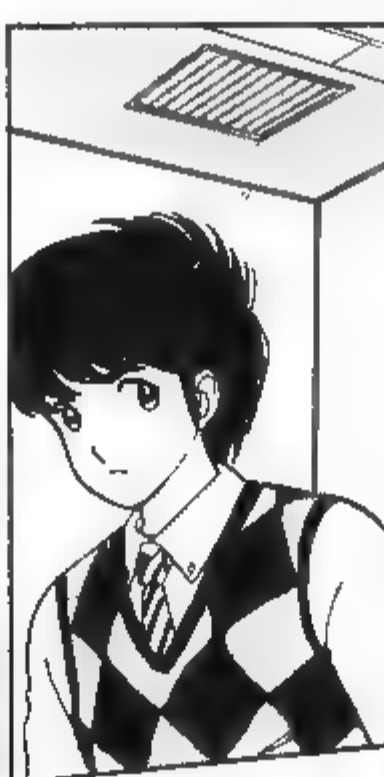


COUGH



IF I DO
THAT,
AYUKAWA
WILL
KNOW...

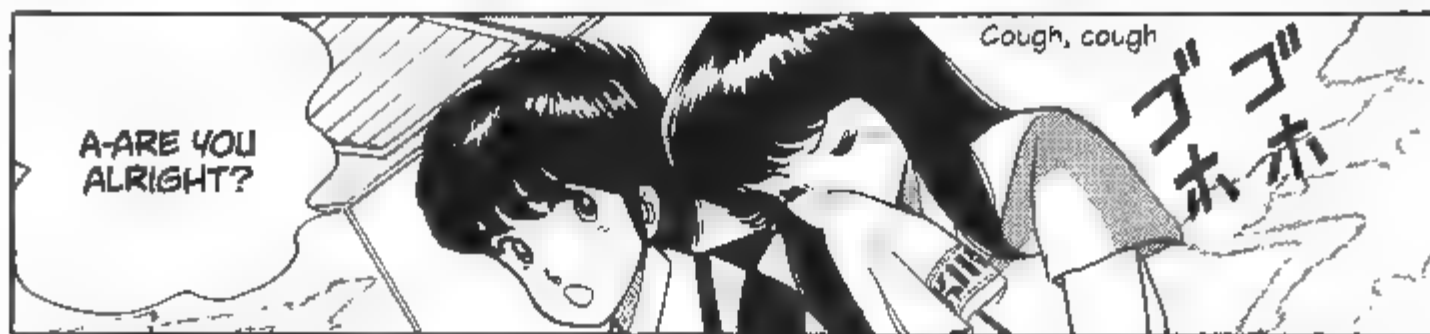
IF I USE
THE POWER,
I CAN GET
BOTH OF
US OUT,
BUT...

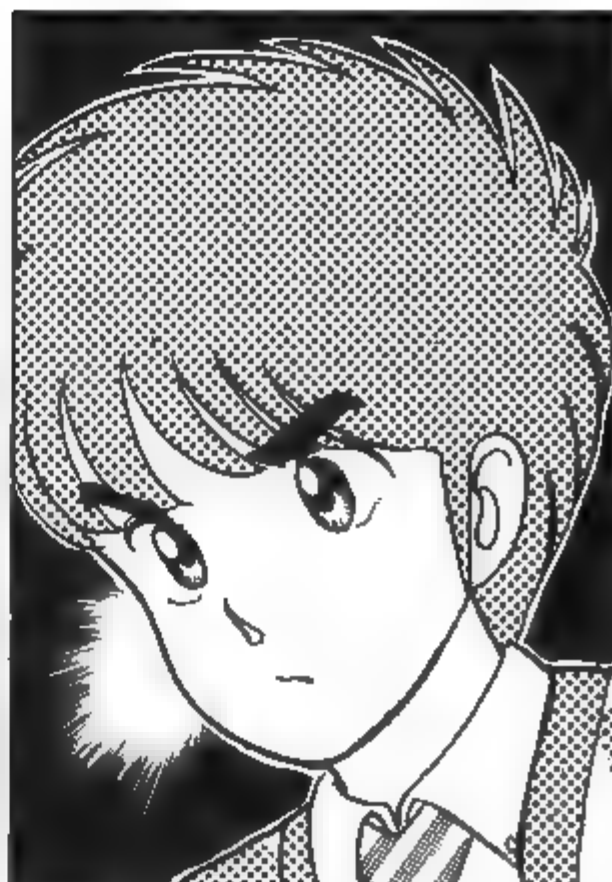


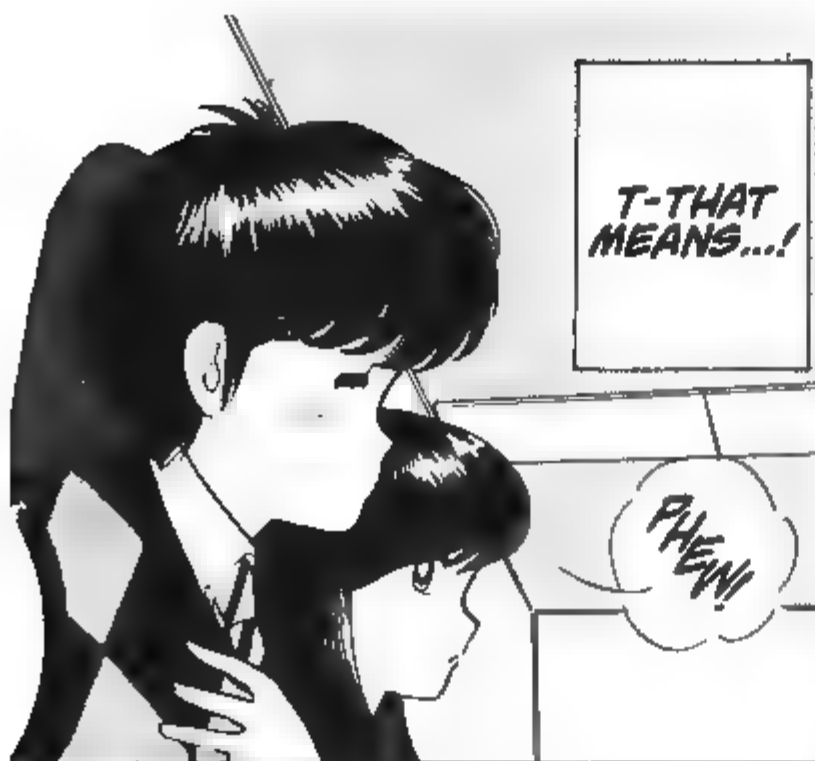
IT LOOKS
LIKE THINGS
WON'T WORK
OUT AS
WELL AS IN
MOVIES.

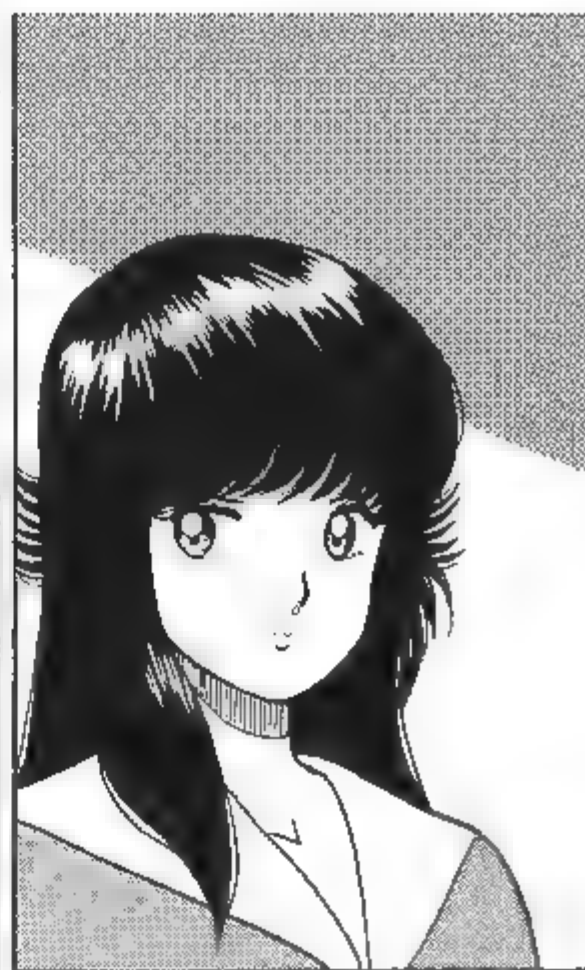


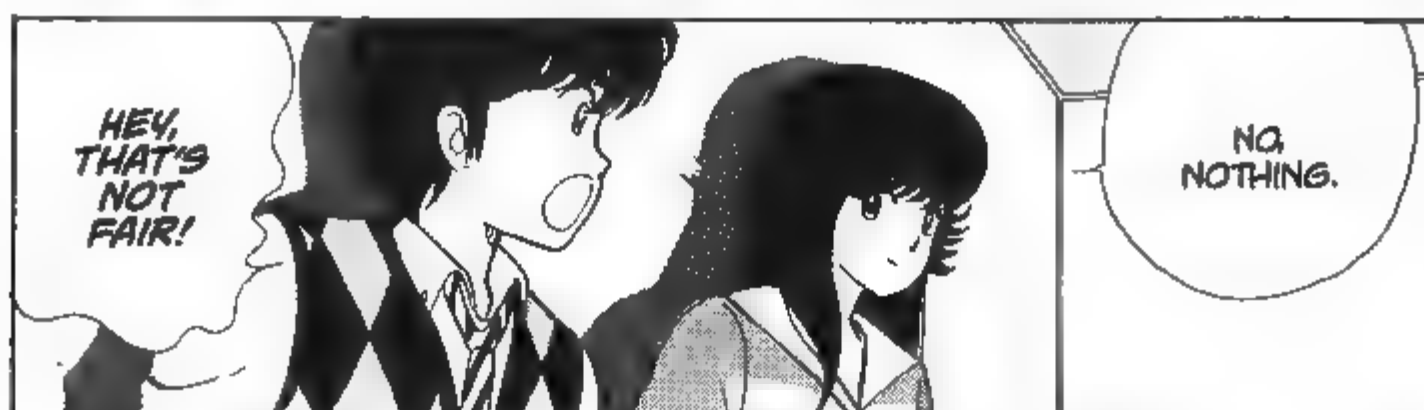
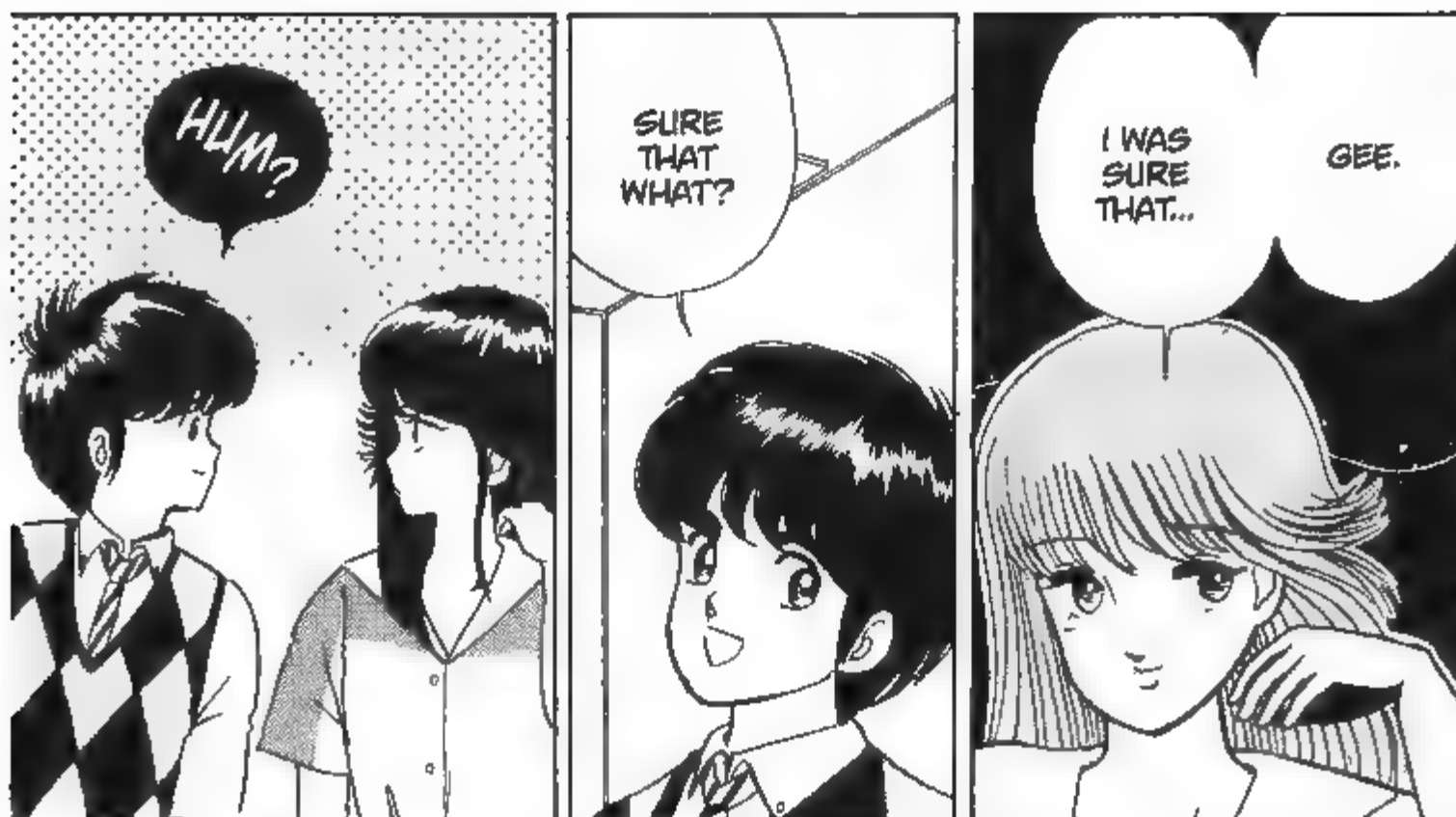
DARN!
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?!







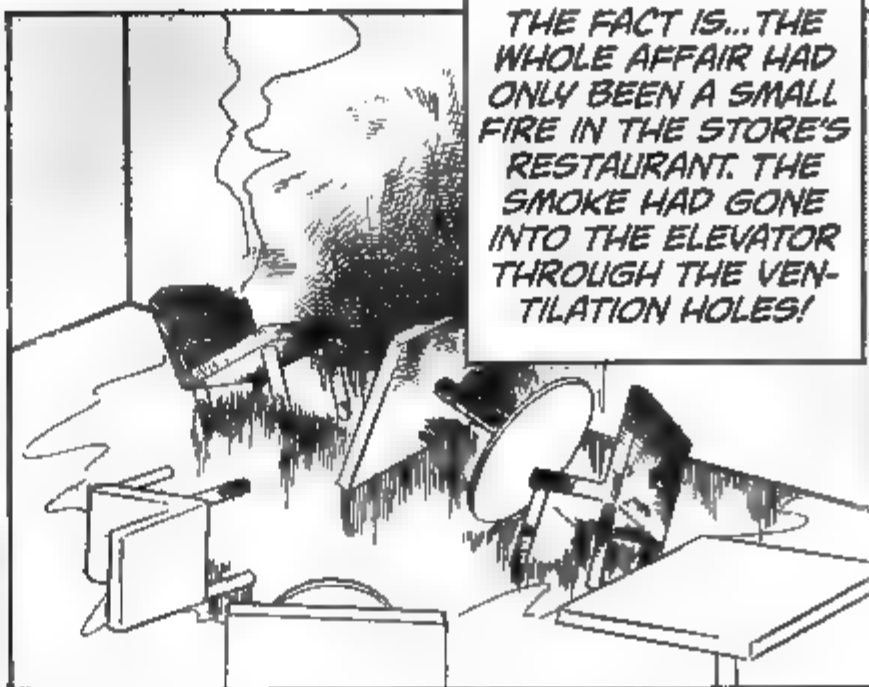






YES?

LISTEN,
KASUGA...



THE FACT IS...THE
WHOLE AFFAIR HAD
ONLY BEEN A SMALL
FIRE IN THE STORE'S
RESTAURANT. THE
SMOKE HAD GONE
INTO THE ELEVATOR
THROUGH THE VEN-
TILATION HOLES!



IF YOU
KNEW, WHY
DIDN'T YOU
TELL ME?
THAT WAS
MEAN OF
YOU!!

I'M AMAZED!
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU'D BE
SCARING
ME FOR
NOTHING!



Eh?!



WHEN YOU
SPOKE ON THE
PHONE WITH
THE LADY, YOU
KNEW IT WAS
NOTHING
SERIOUS,
DIDN'T
YOU?!



ALTHOUGH,
TO SAY THE
TRUTH, I DID
KNOW WE
WERE OKAY...

I DIDN'T
KNOW,
I PROM-
ISE!

W-WAIT A
MINUTE!





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THE RING OF SUSPICION

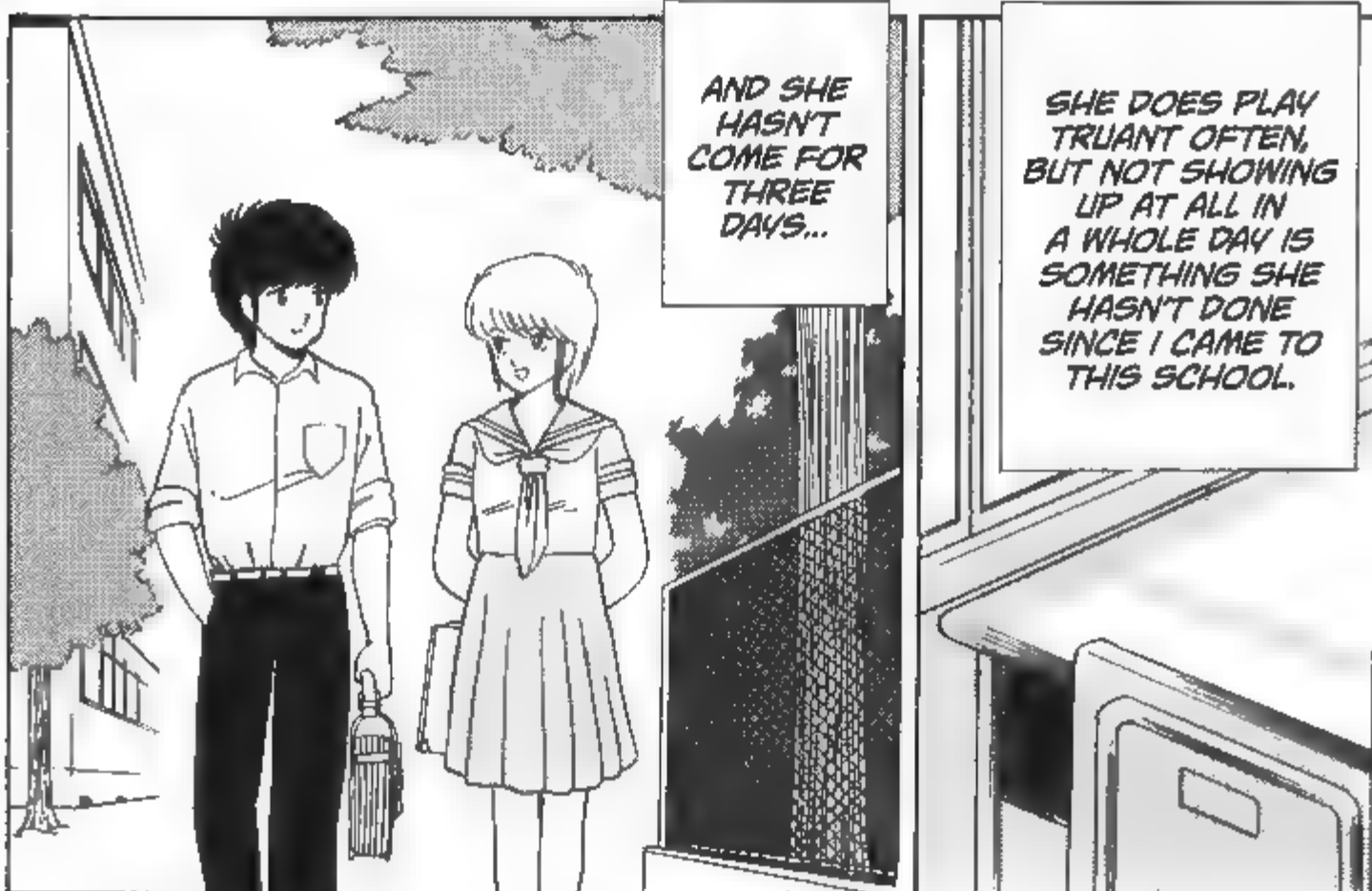
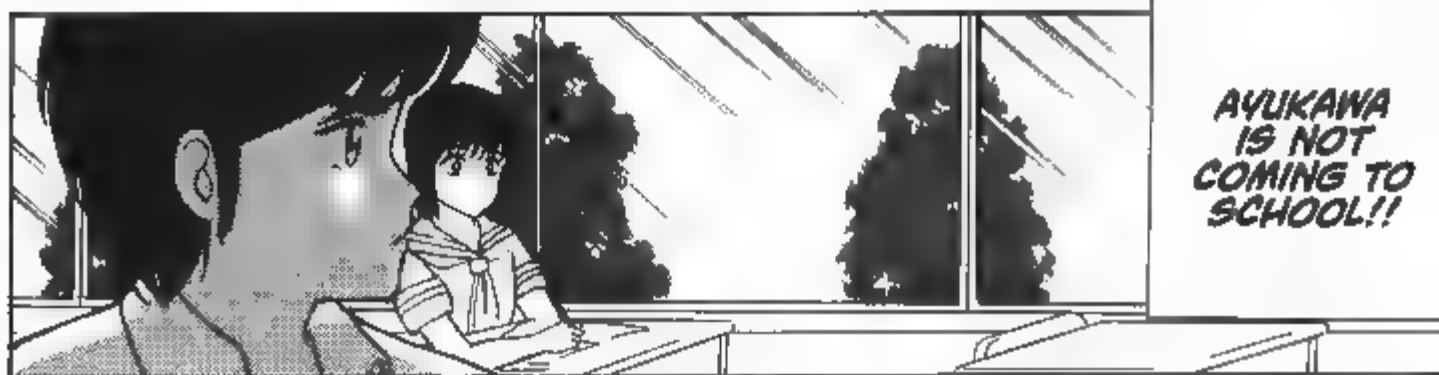


**Enigmatic - eyes-
Mysterious - and sad - heart -
Wavering - jealousy!**



IT WAS
ONLY A
SMALL
INCIDENT
FOR ME,
BUT...

AYUKAWA
IS NOT
COMING TO
SCHOOL!!

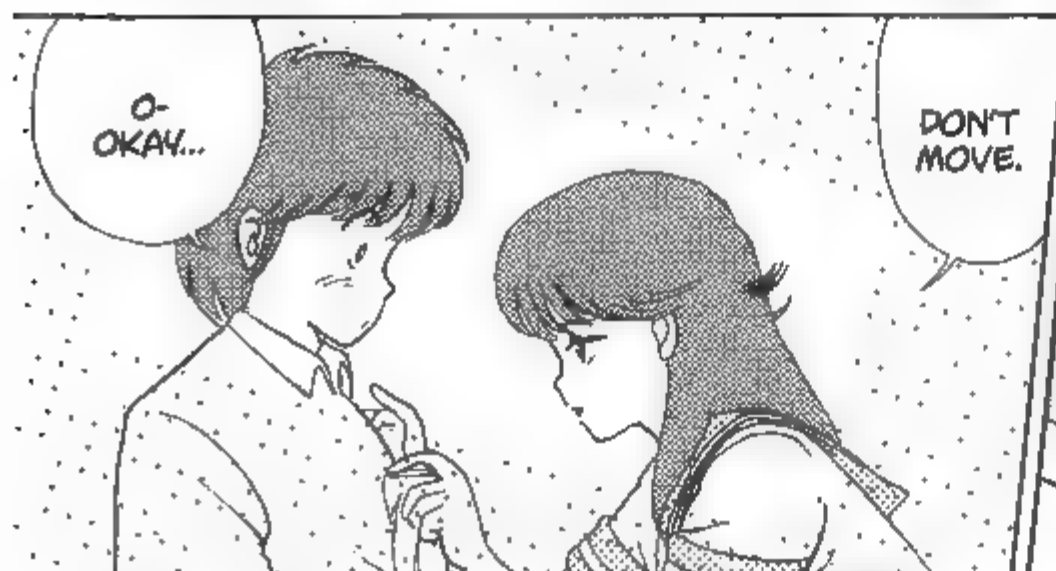


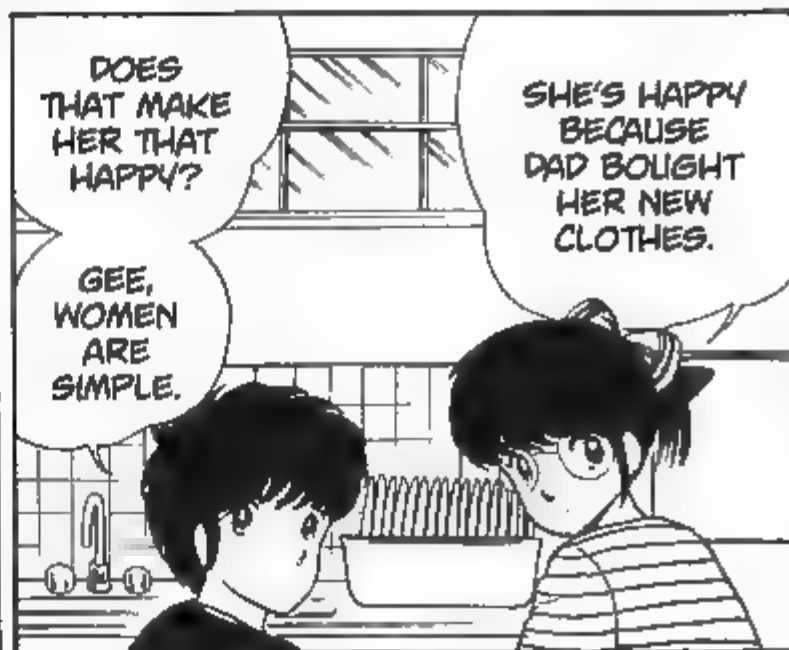
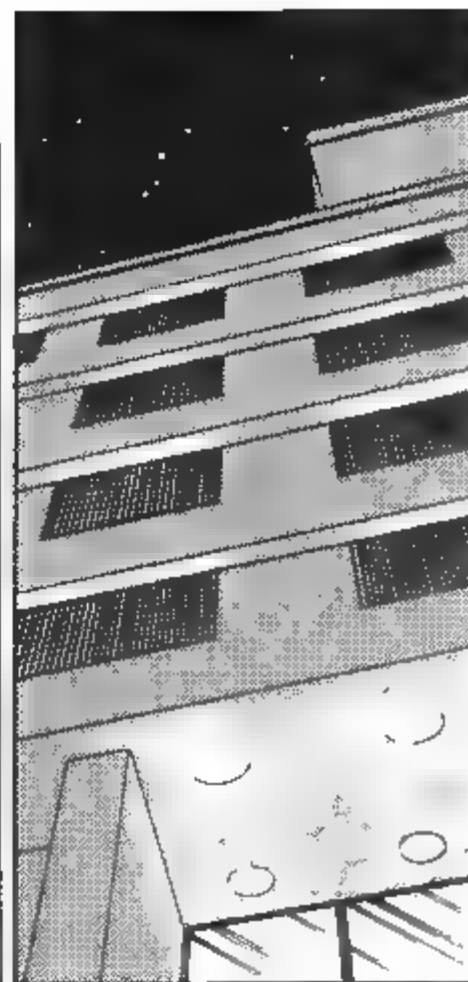
AND SHE
HASN'T
COME FOR
THREE
DAYS...

SHE DOES PLAY
TRUANT OFTEN,
BUT NOT SHOWING
UP AT ALL IN
A WHOLE DAY IS
SOMETHING SHE
HASN'T DONE
SINCE I CAME TO
THIS SCHOOL.















AYUKAWA
SEEMS
DELIGHTED
SINCE
YESTERDAY...

AH,
Y-YES!



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
WHERE?
AT THE
ABCB, OF
COURSE!



EH? W-
WHERE?

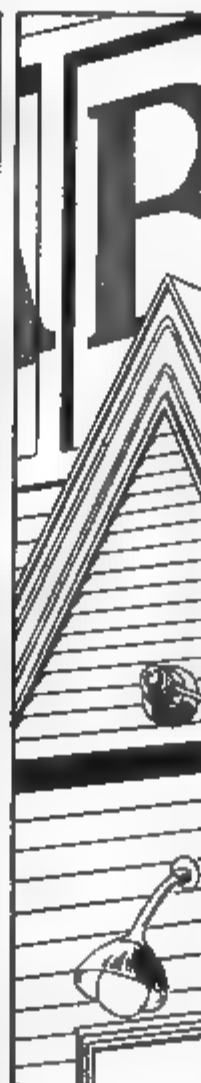
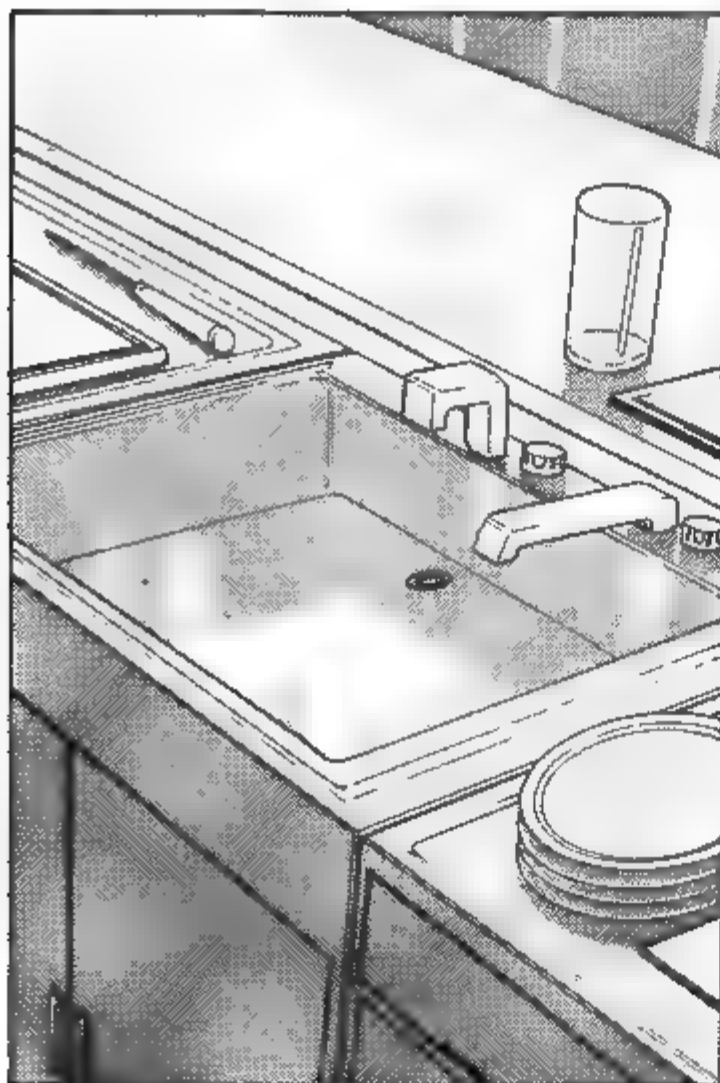
WILL YOU
DROP IN?



IF SOMEONE SUD-
DENLY BECOMES
NICE IT COULD BE
A WAY TO HIDE
THAT THEY'VE
MET A PERSON
THEY LIKE.

HAD
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
A MAN!

I GUESS
THAT TRIP



SHE'S
SMILING
MORE
THAN
USUAL!

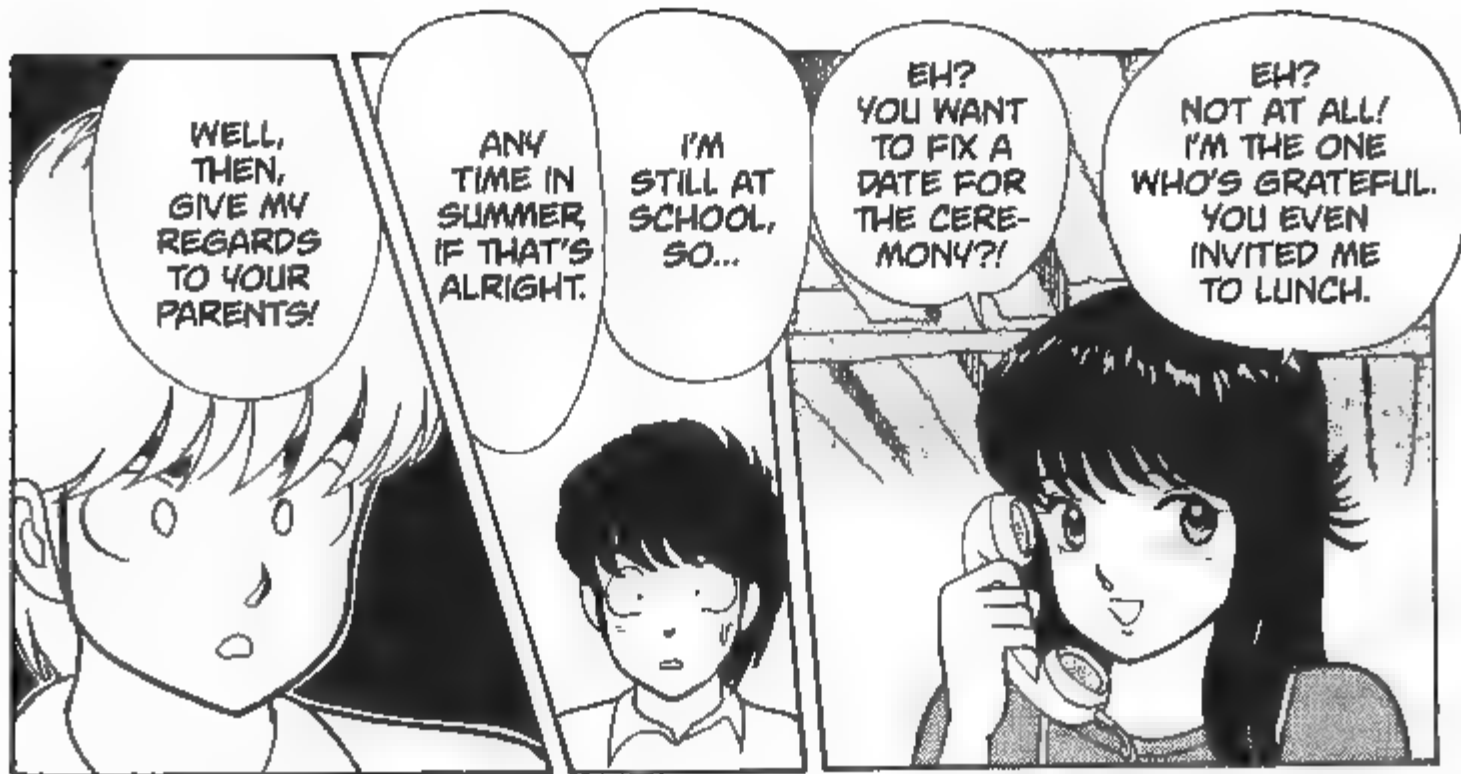
BUT, IF
THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENED,
WHO IS
IT?!

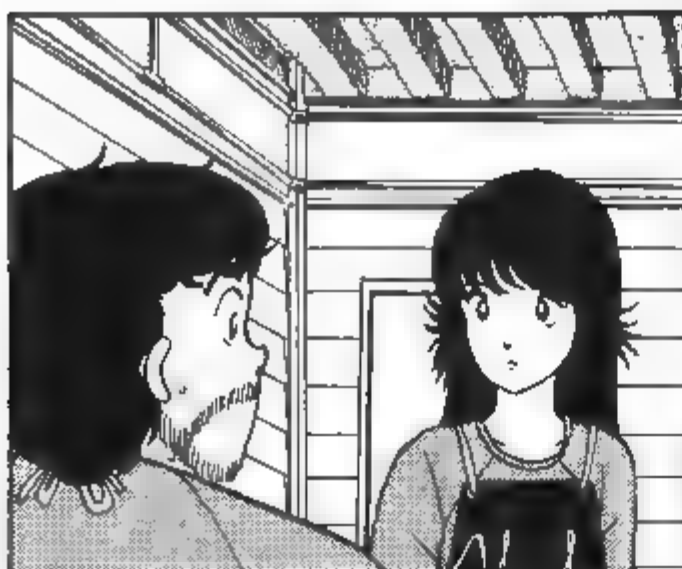


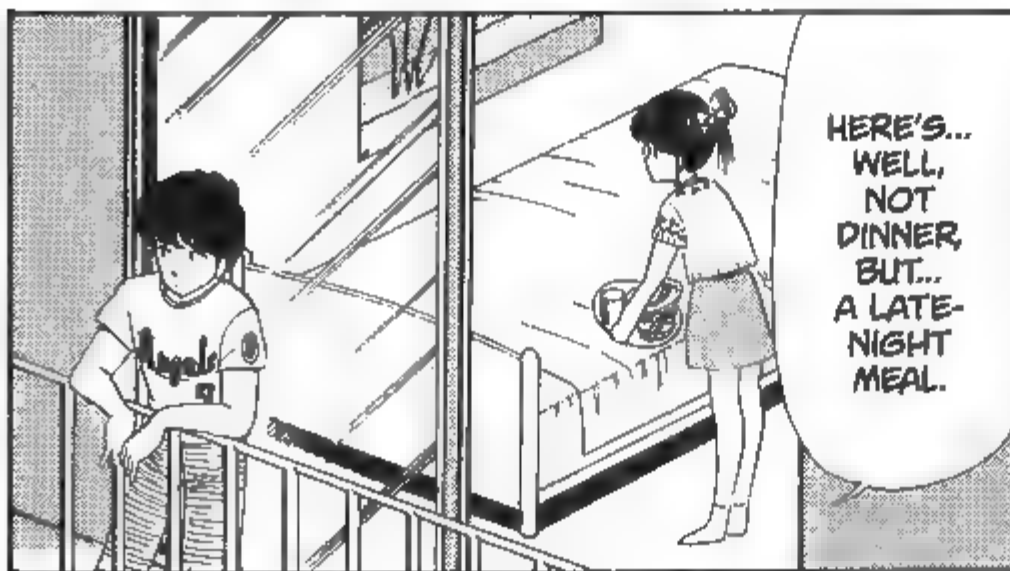


*TN: KANSAI IS A REGION IN JAPAN WITH A VERY DISTINCT ACCENT.

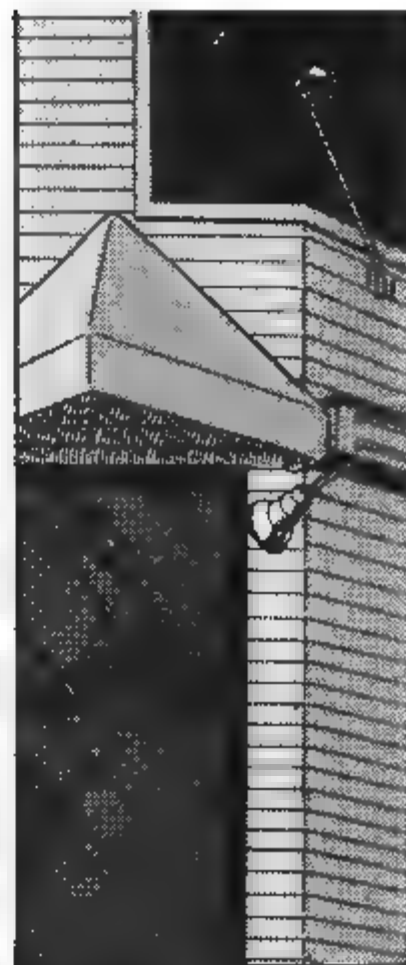


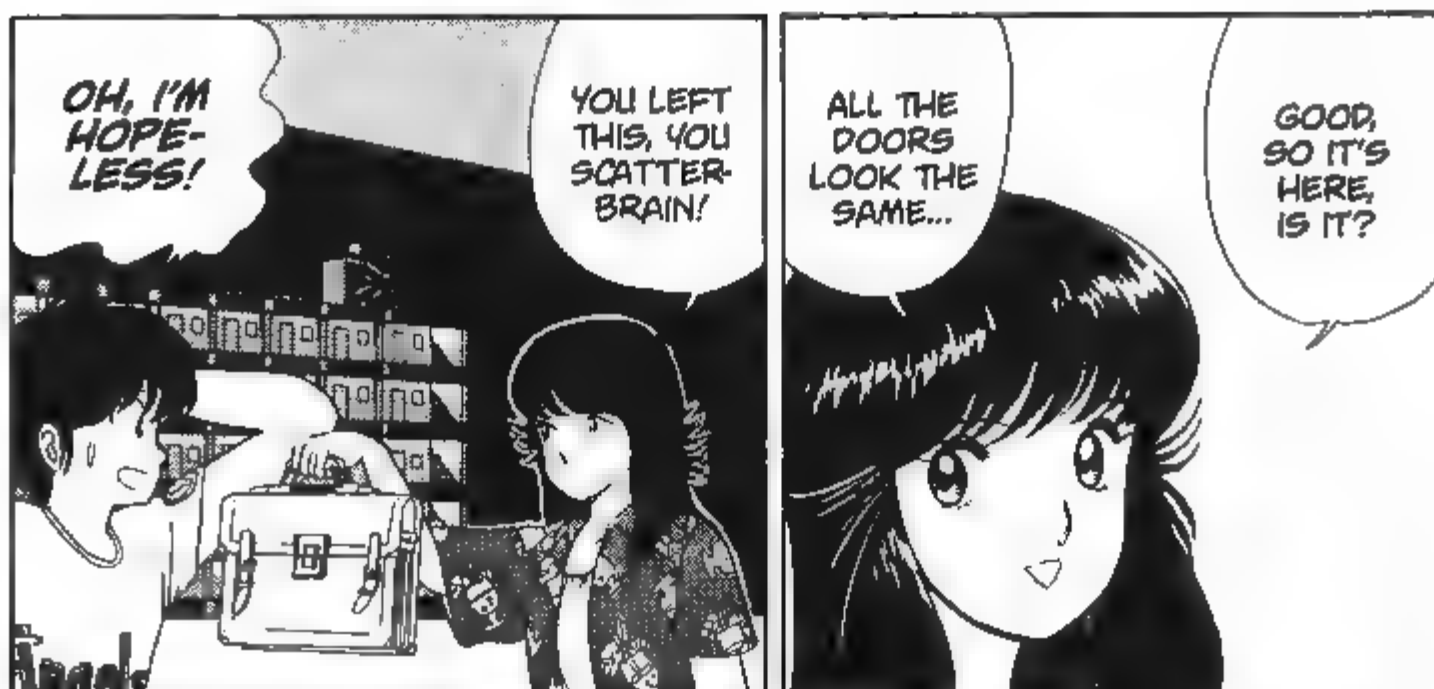


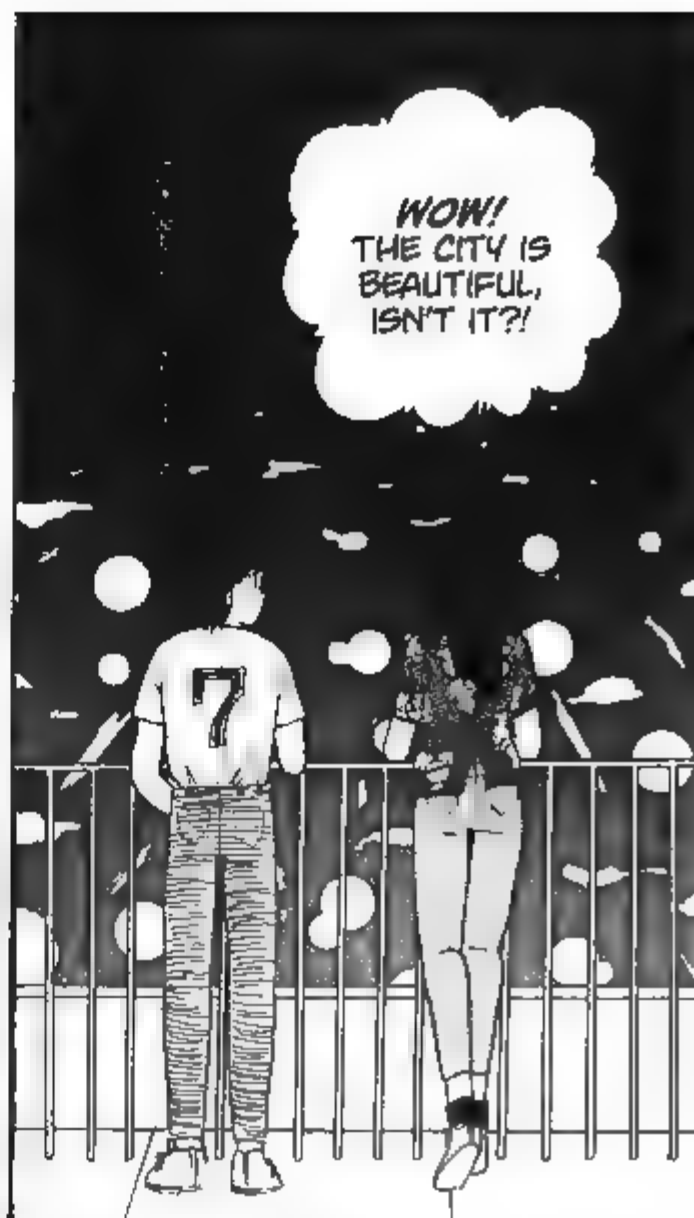


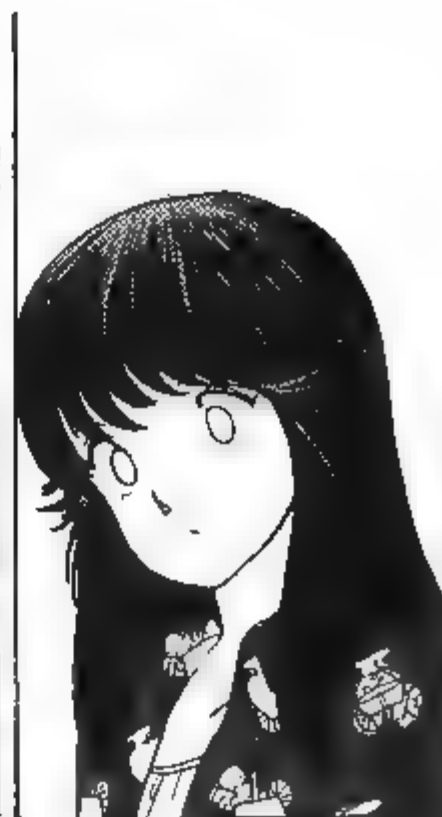














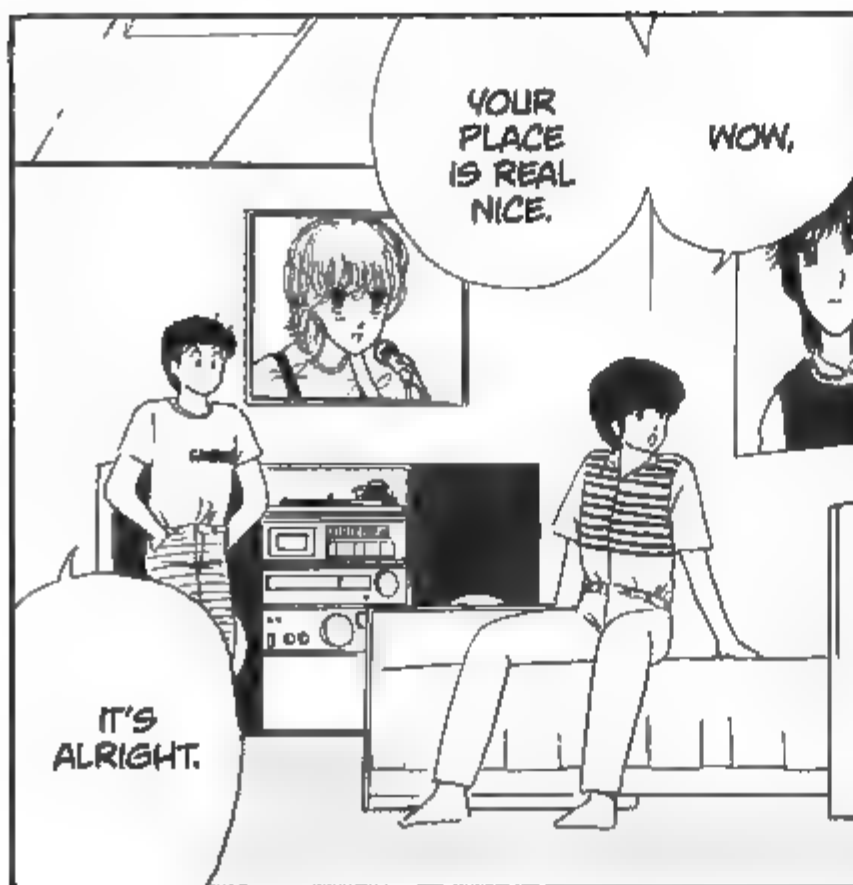


**KIMAGURE
ORANGE ROAD**

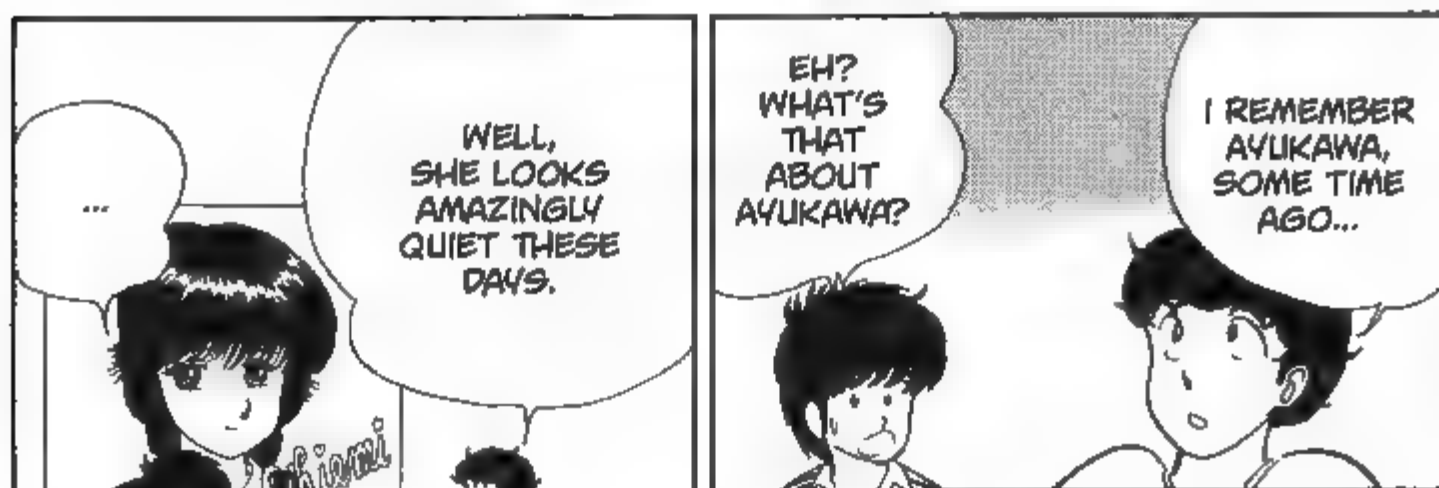
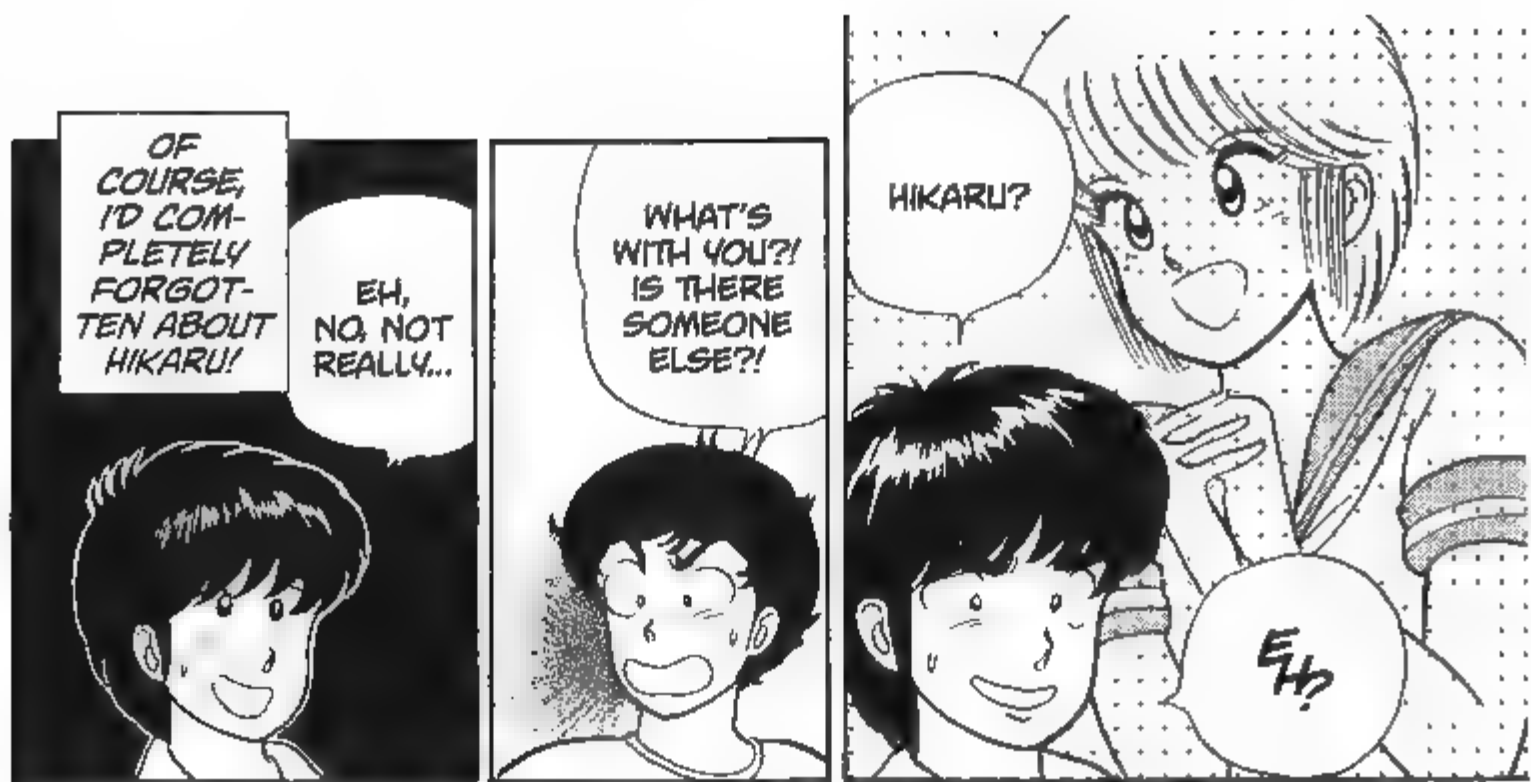
ALCOHOL BLUES



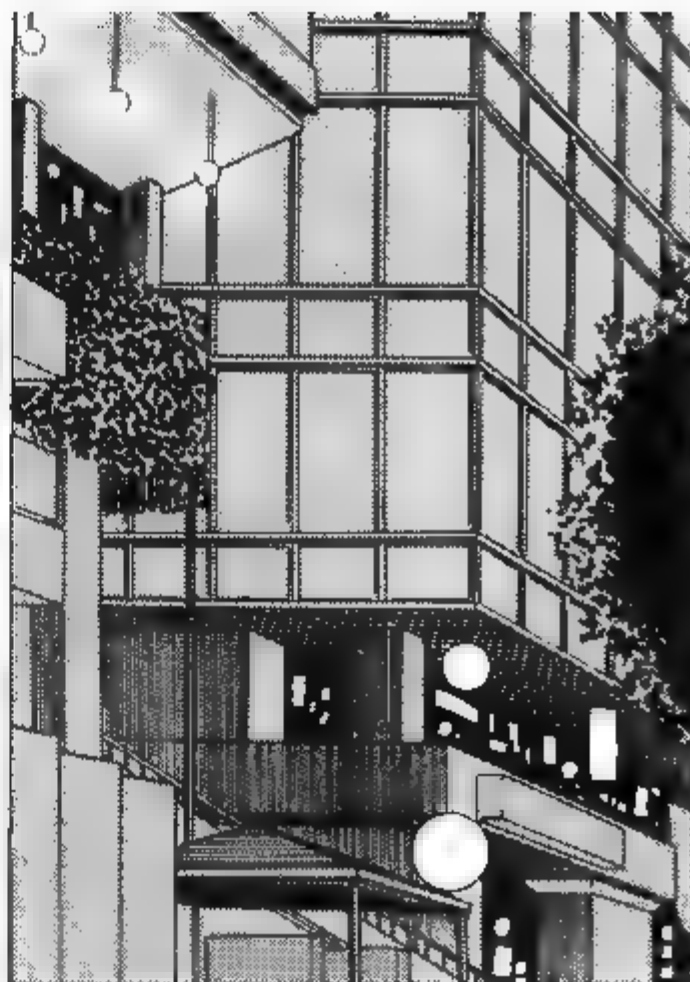
**Silvery stars shining in the night sky...
The marvelous silhouette of love!**





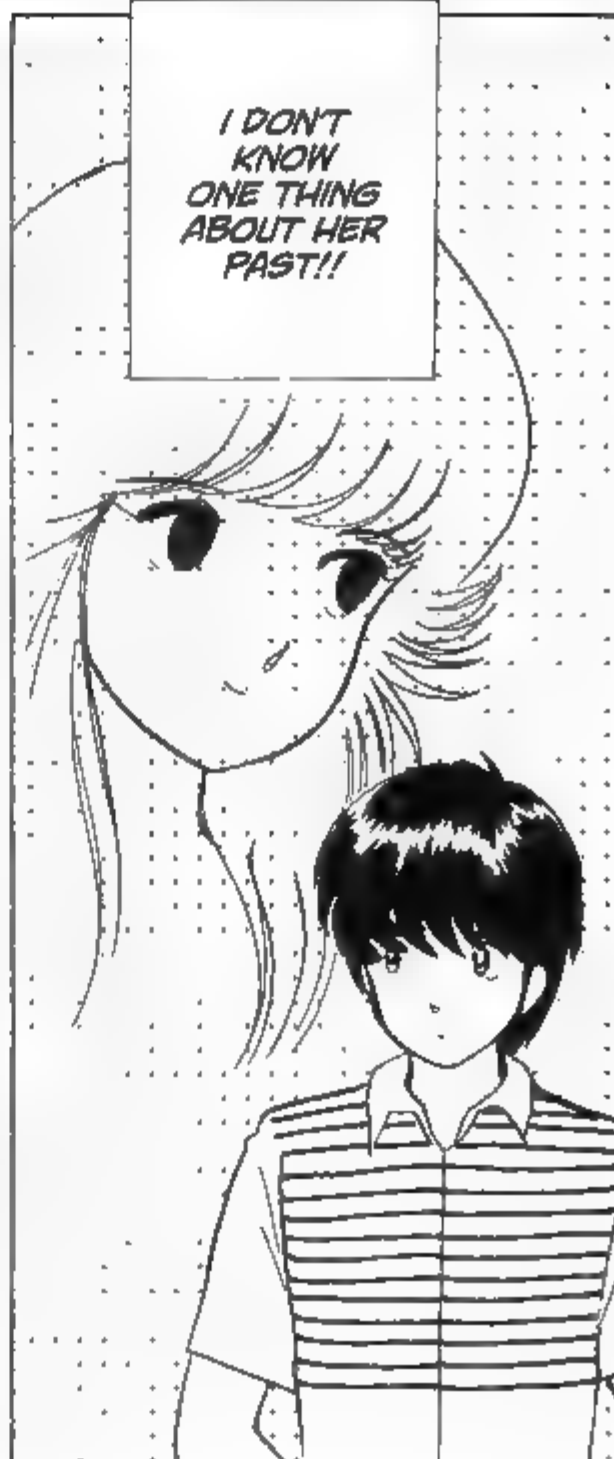


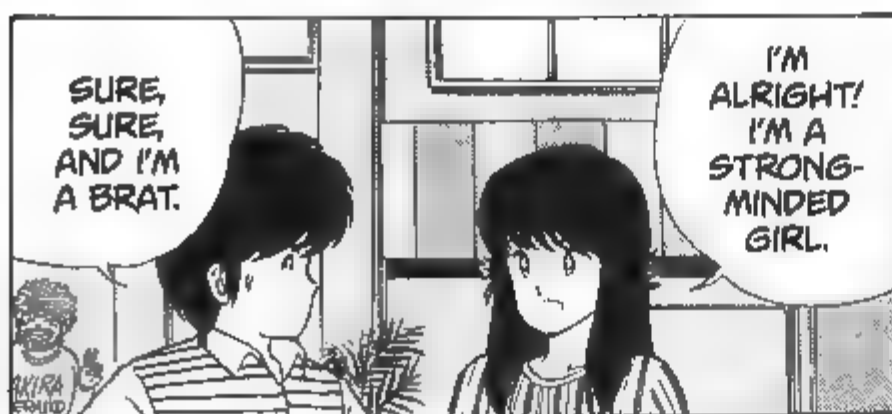
AYUKAWA
AND I ARE
BECOMING
CLOSER
LATELY,
BUT...

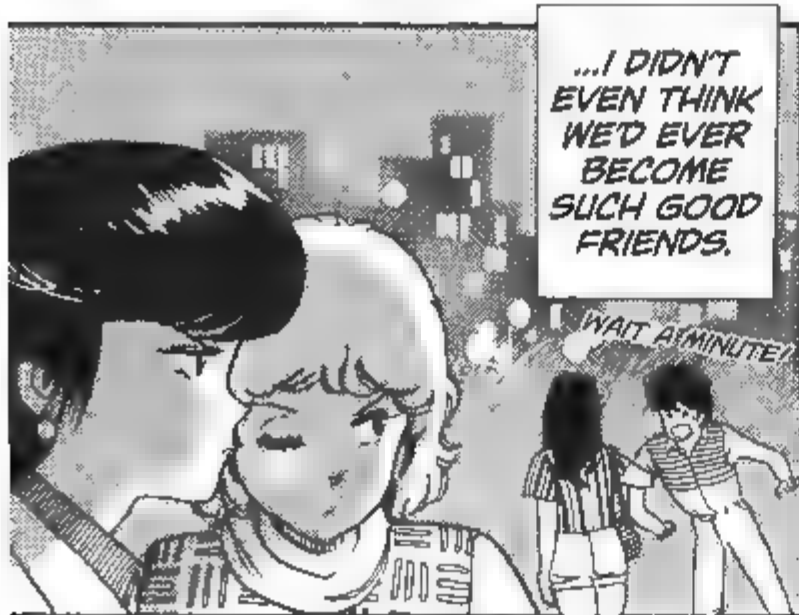


I WONDER WHY...
IT WAS AYUKAWA
AND NOT HIKARU
WHO INSTANTLY
CAME INTO MY
MIND EARLIER ON?

I DON'T
KNOW
ONE THING
ABOUT HER
PAST!!









IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, MADOKA.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THOSE TWO?



DON'T BE SILLY! I'M NOT DRAWING BACK NOW.

W-WHAT DO WE DO NOW? JEEZ, YOU AND YOUR SHOUTING! L-LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.



YOU WERE FAMOUS FOR NEVER HAVING A SPECIAL MAN. MADOKA, THE TOUGHEST AMONG THE TOUGH.

NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.



SO YOU'VE GOT A DATE WITH A CUTE KID TONIGHT?



EH? NEVER HAD A SPECIAL MAN...?!



GRRR

K-KID?!

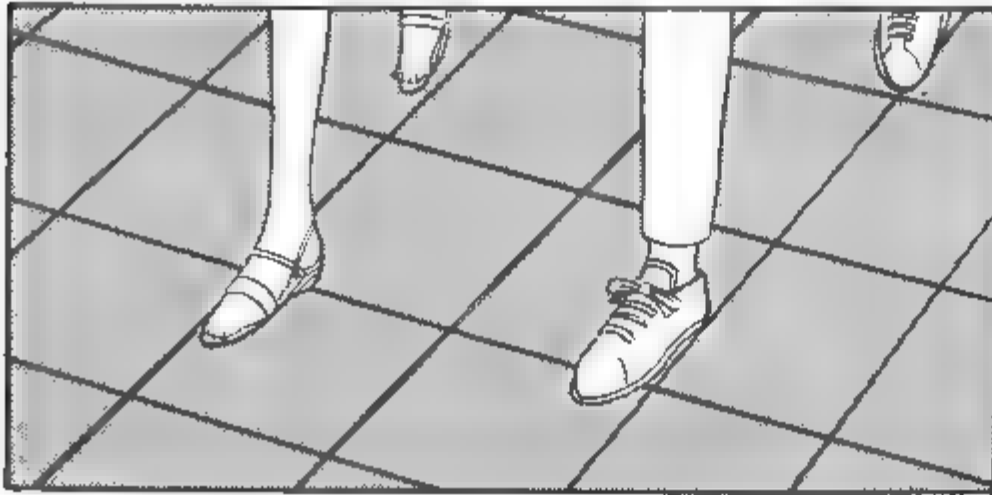


GOOD, I'LL SAY A FEW MORE THINGS, THEN.

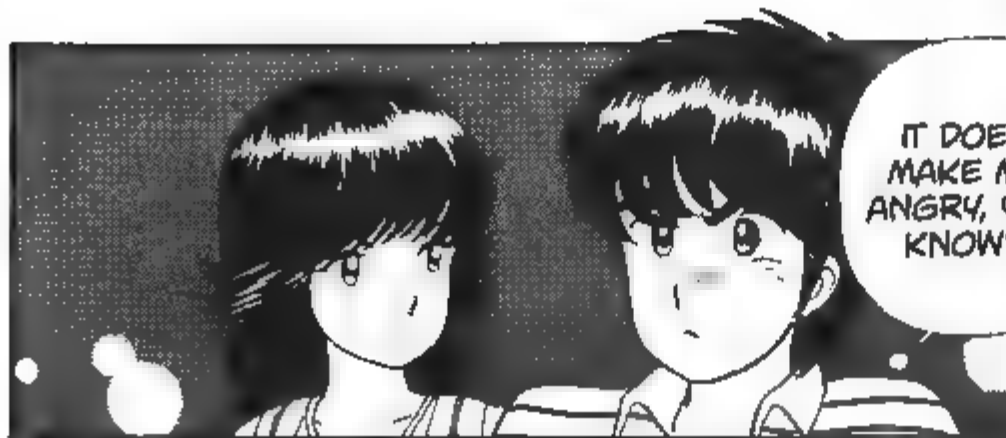
Whisper

I'D SAY EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT.









IT DOES
MAKE ME
ANGRY, YOU
KNOW?



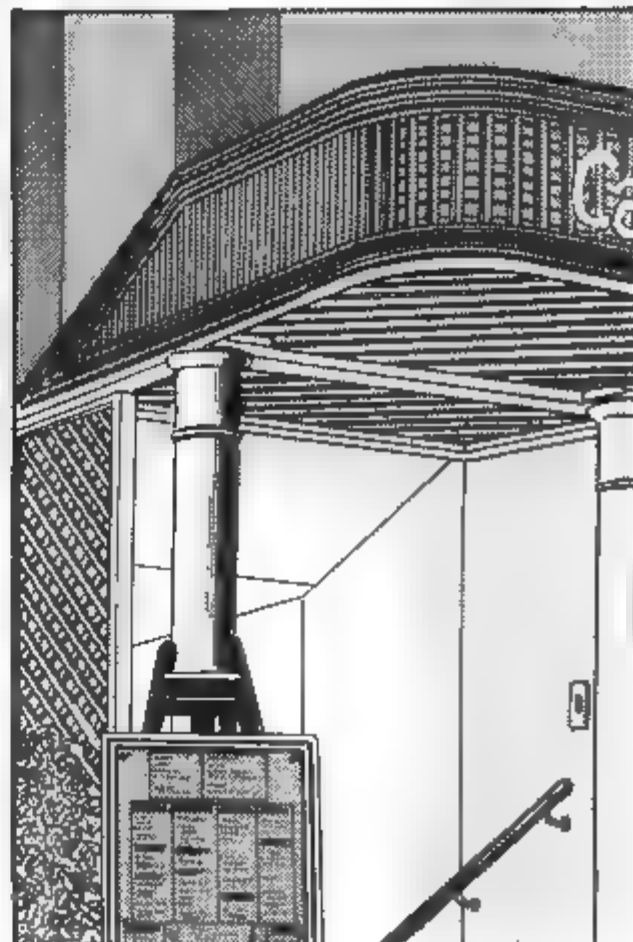
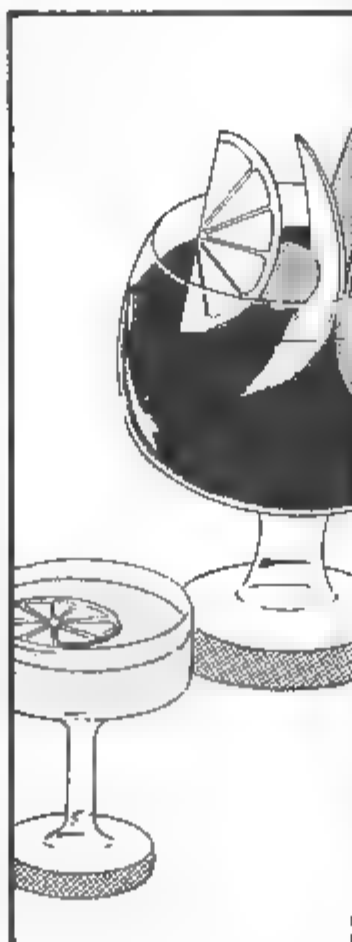
STILL...



HUH?

TAP

WELL,
AT TIMES
LIKE THIS,
THERE'S
ONLY ONE
SOLUTION!





THAT'S
RIGHT,
I'M HERE
SPYING
TODAY.

OOPS,
SO YOU'RE
A BUSINESS
COMPETI-
TOR.



I'VE
ALSO
GOT A
JOB NOW,
AT THE
ABCB!

HI
MADOKA,
LONG
TIME,
NO SEE.



HUH?
T-THIS...



NOT
REALLY.

DO YOU
COME
HERE
OFTEN?



IT'S
NICE,
ISN'T
IT?!

SO?



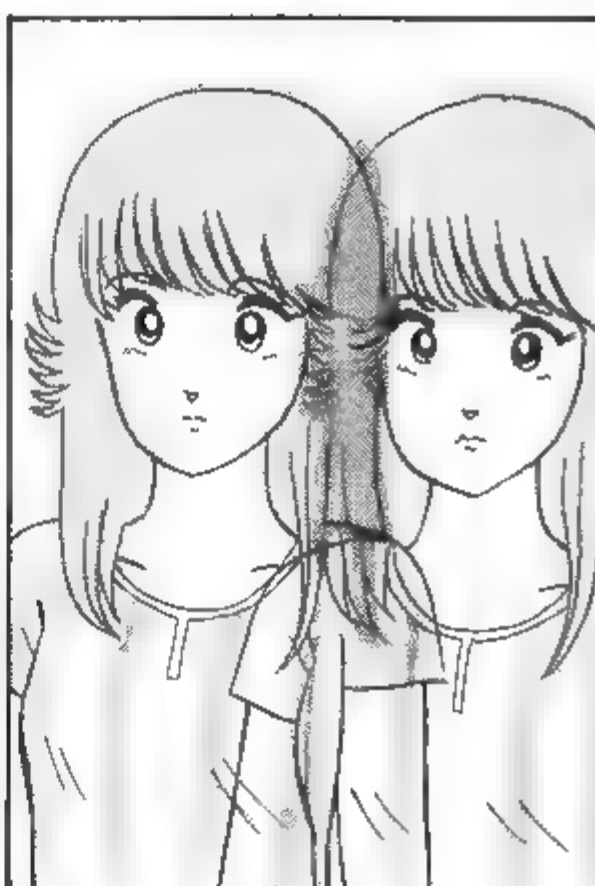
HUM...

BUT THE
WAITRESS
ALSO SEEMS
TO KNOW
HER...

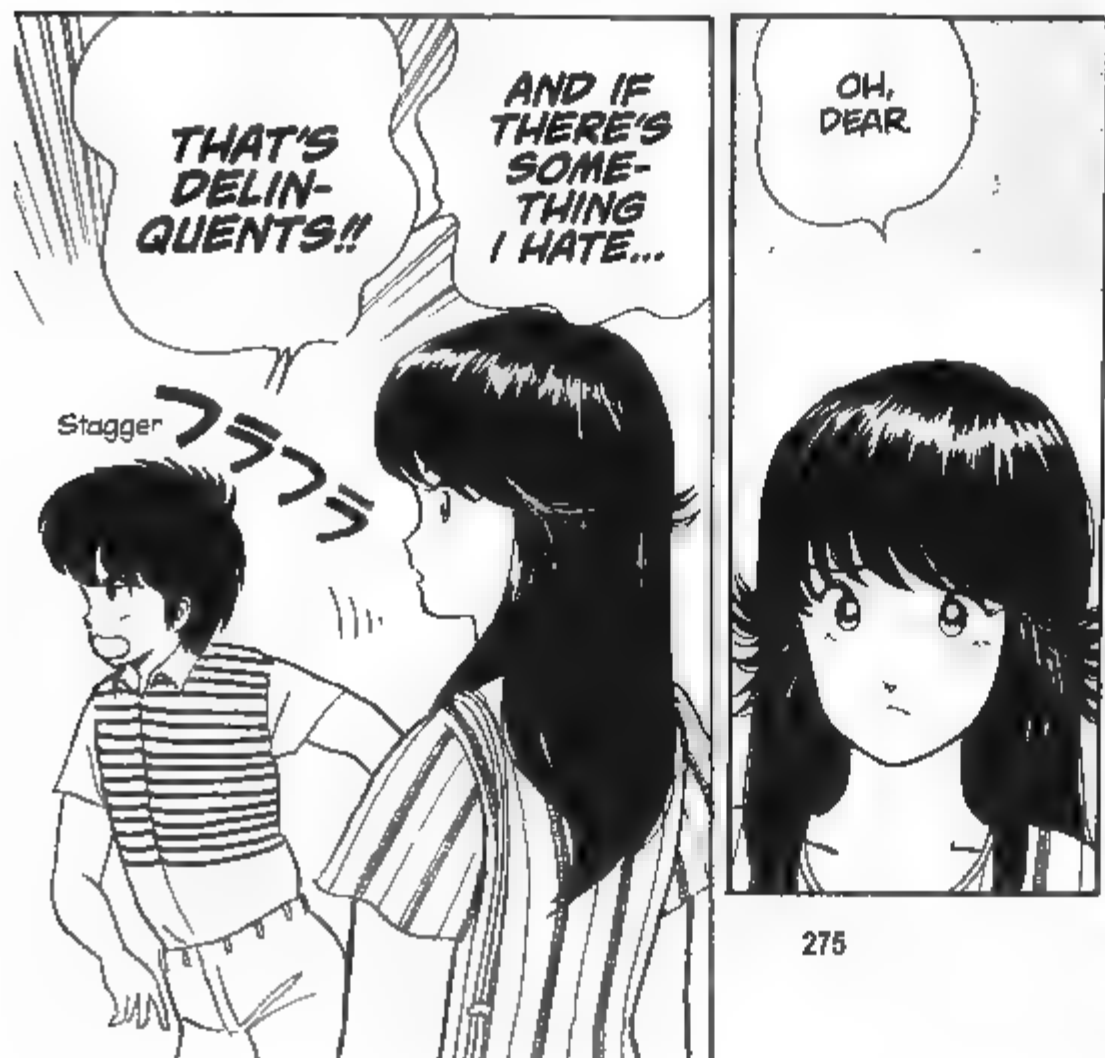
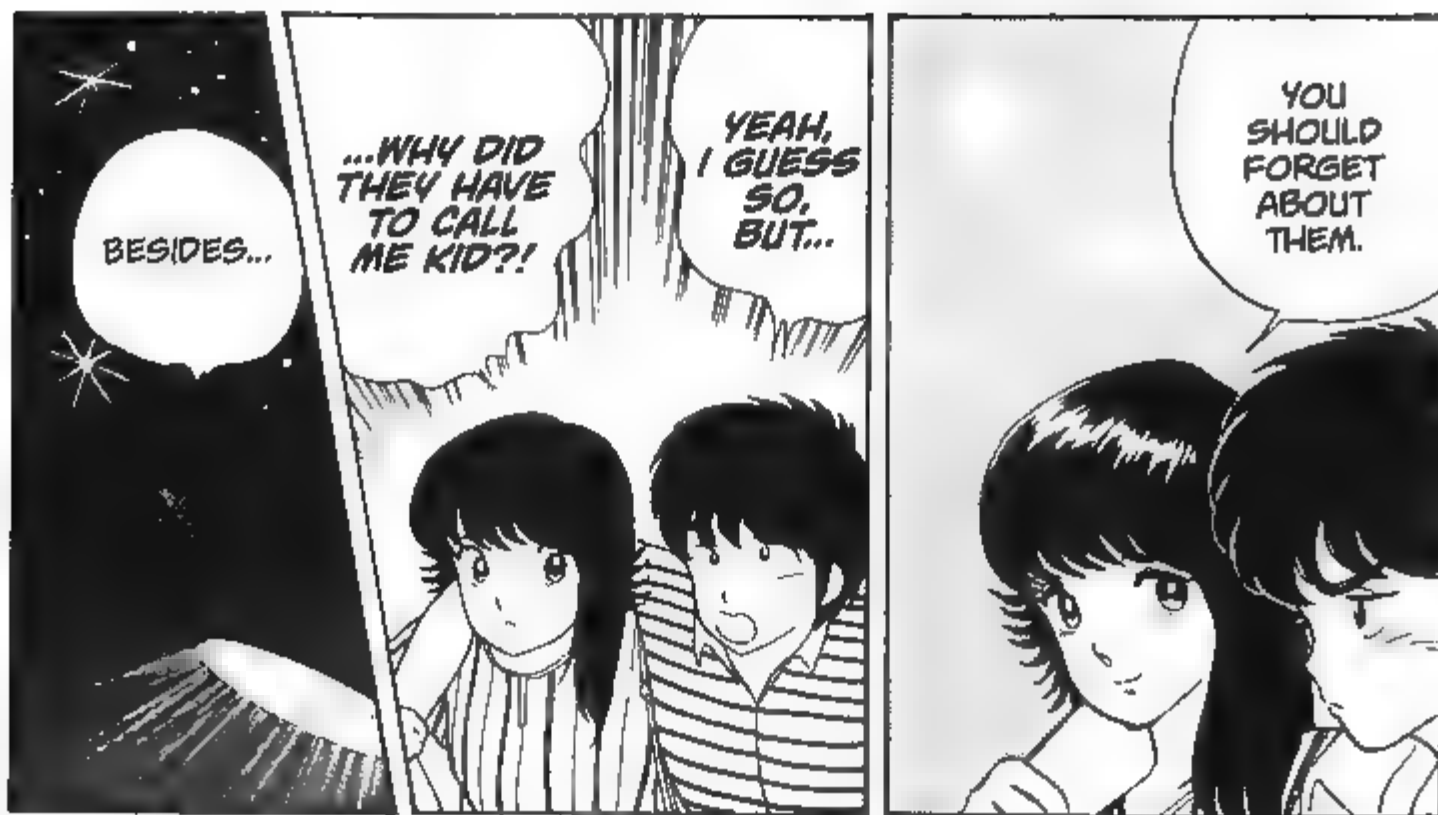


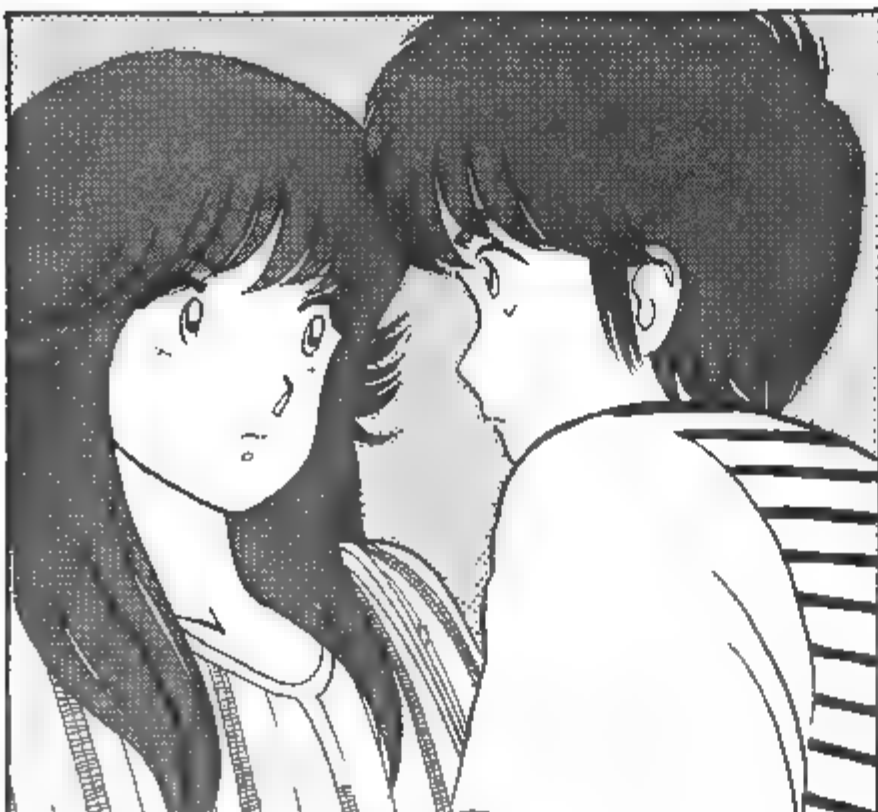
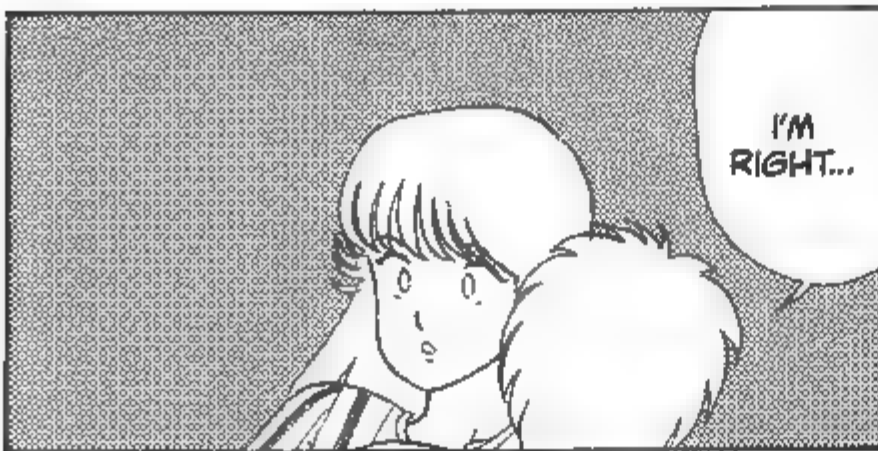
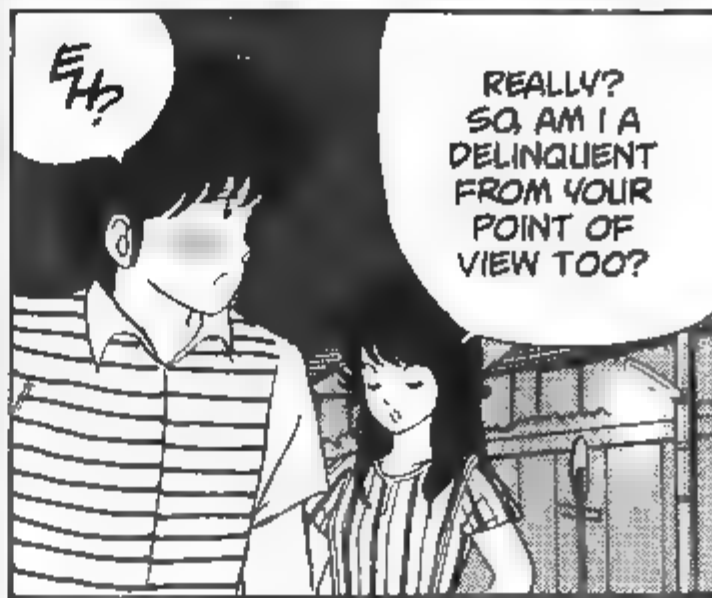
AYUKAWA
KNOWS A
LOT ABOUT
A WORLD I
HAVEN'T EVEN
GLIMPSED
YET!

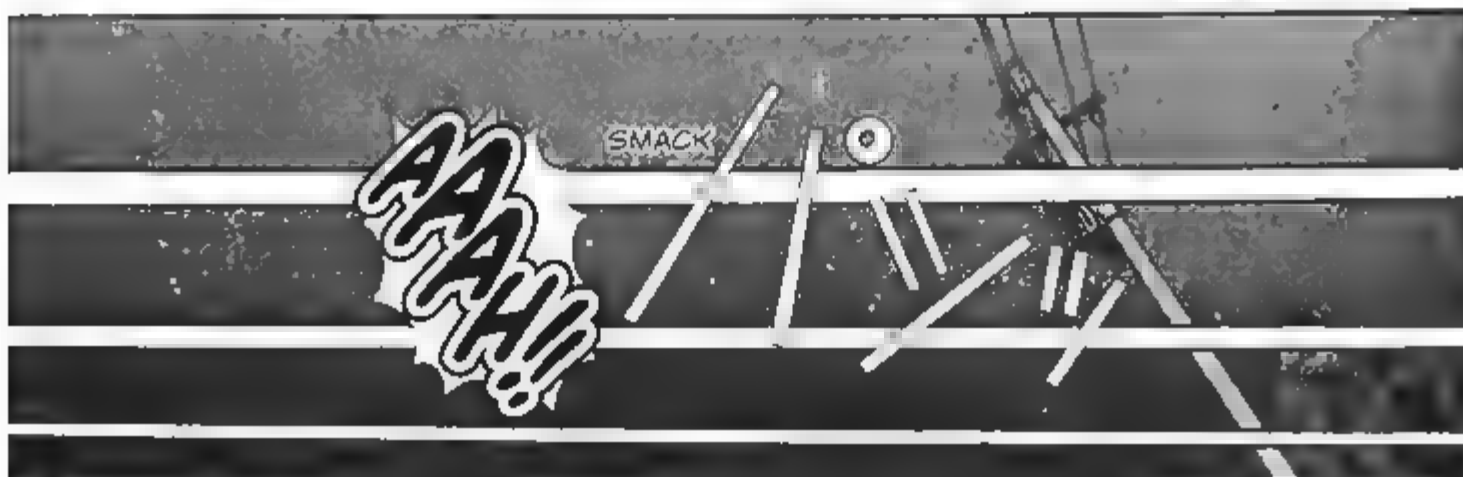
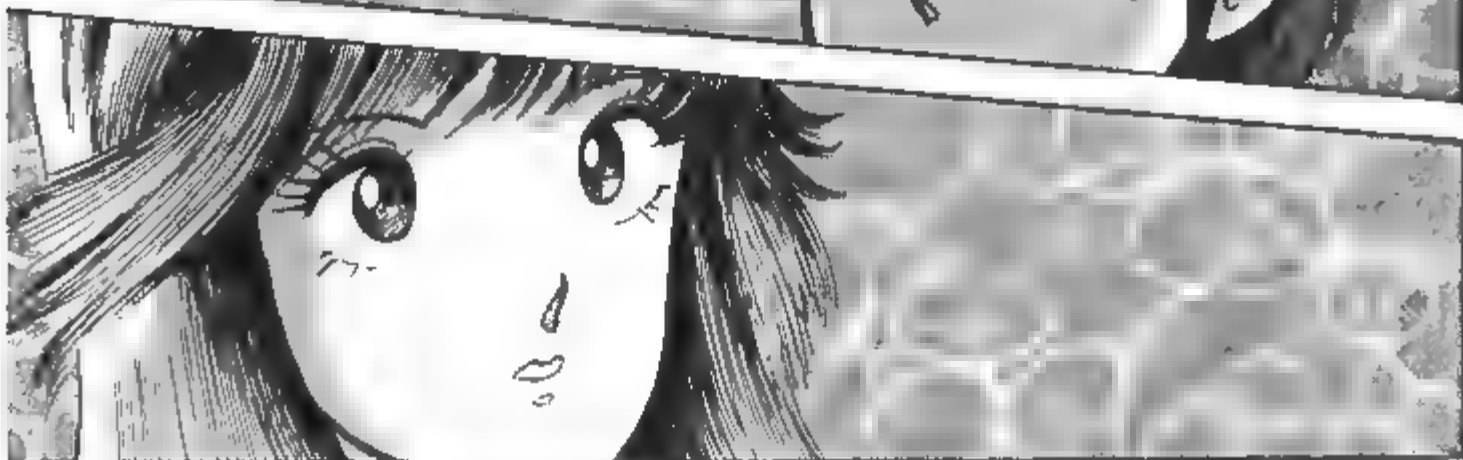
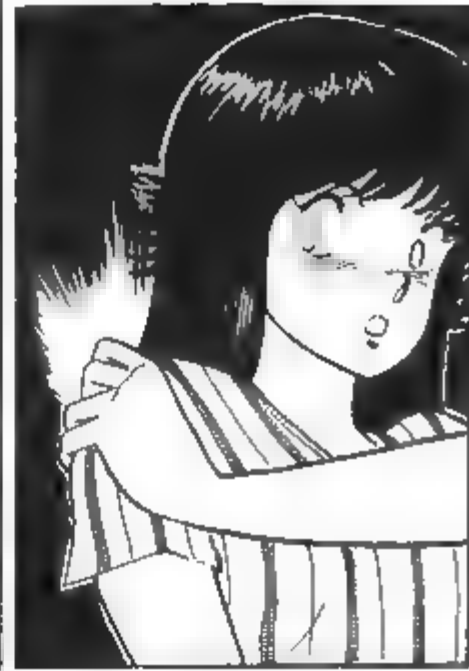


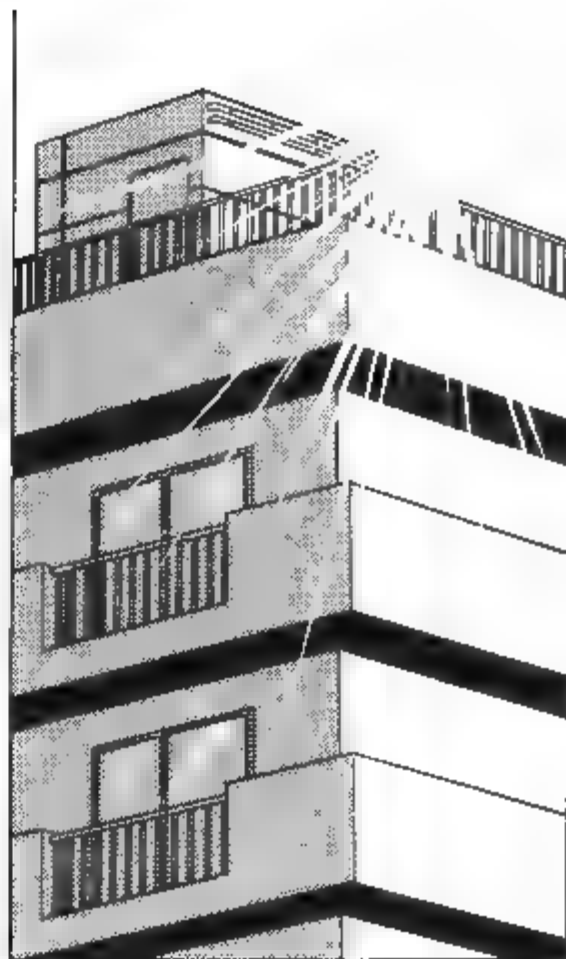
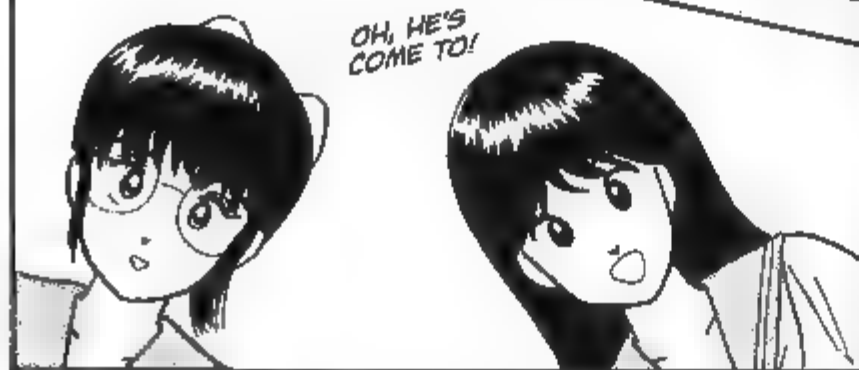














**YOU'RE
NOT
LIKE
THEM,
AYUKA-
WA!**

SHUDDER



OH!



**BUT I
DONT
REMEM-
BER WHAT
HAPPENED
AFTER
THAT.**



**SPURRED
BY AL-
COHOL, I
TRIED TO
KISS AYU-
KAWA...**



**I RE-
MEMBER
NOW...**



**OH, NO,
THIS IS
AWFUL!!**

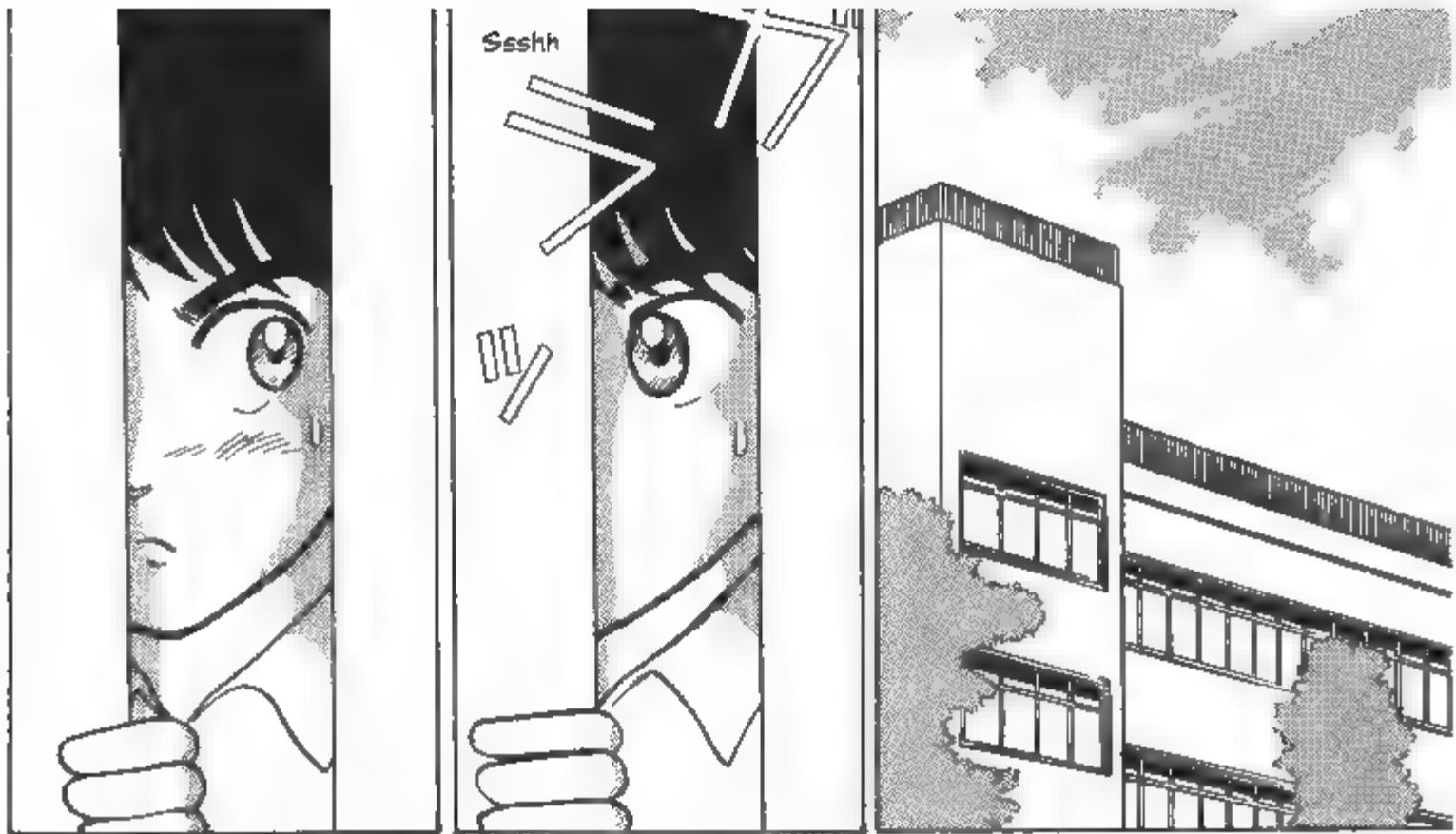
**AYUKAWA
MUST
BE SO
ANGRY!!**

**KIMAGURE
ORANGE ROAD**

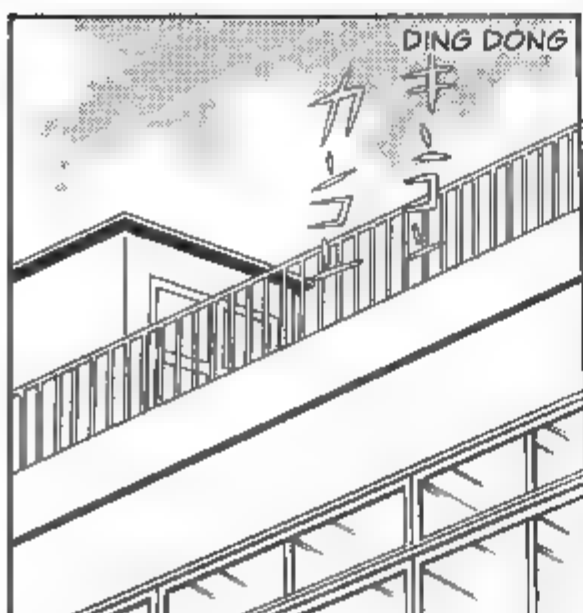
CRISSCROSS FEELINGS

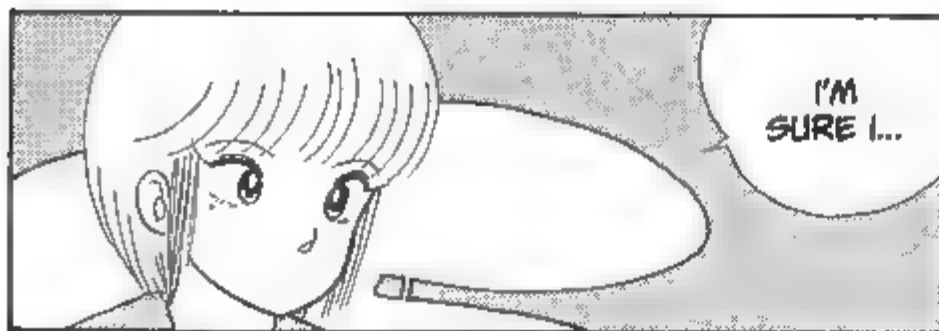


**The pleasant feeling of a gentle breeze in the veranda ...
A photo of her, bathed in sunlight!**











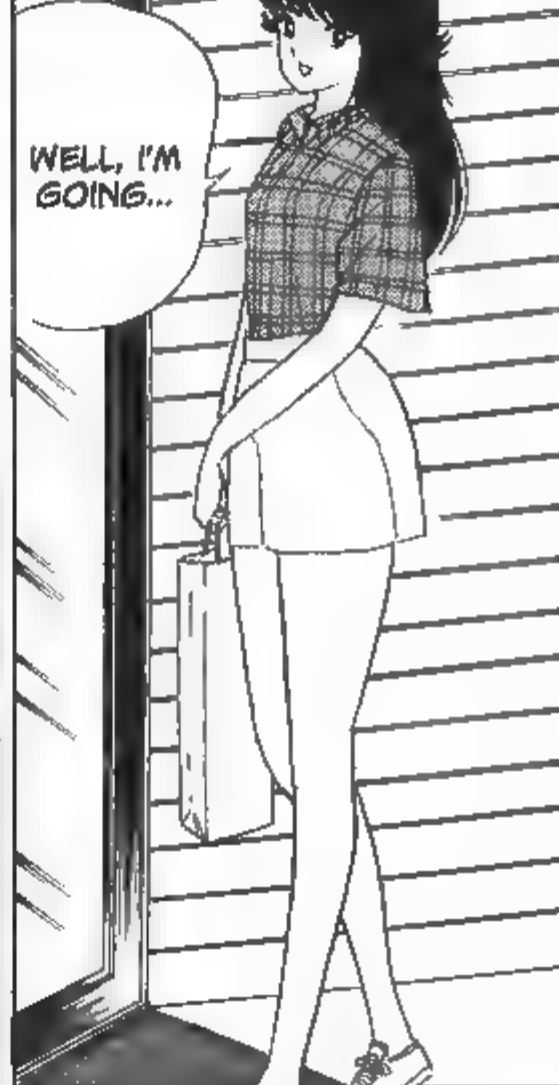




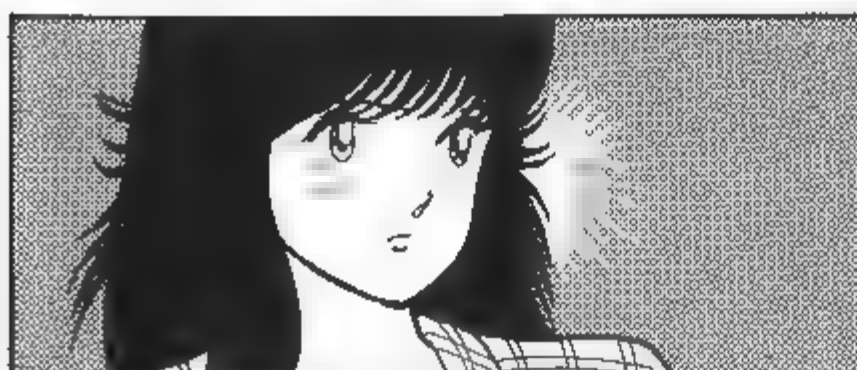
HE
FINALLY
DIDN'T
SHOW UP
TODAY,
KASUGA? DID HE?



AYUKAWA.



WELL, I'M
GOING...



GEE,
IT'S GREAT
TO BE
YOUNG!

IN THAT
CASE,
IT'S FINE
WITH ME
TOO.

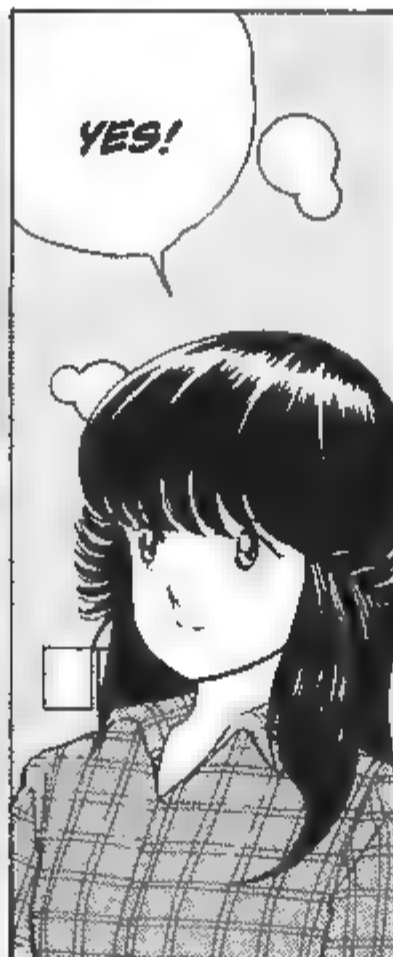
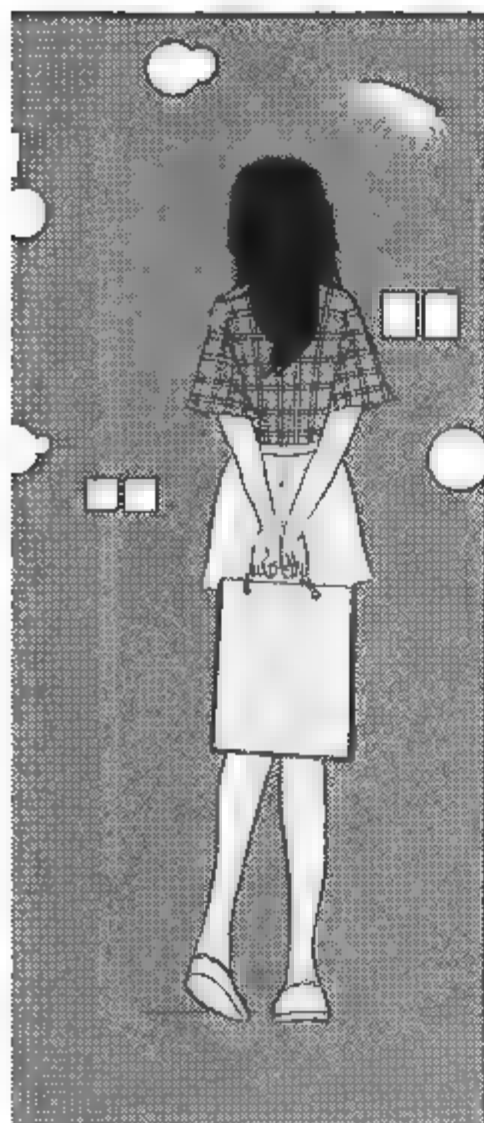
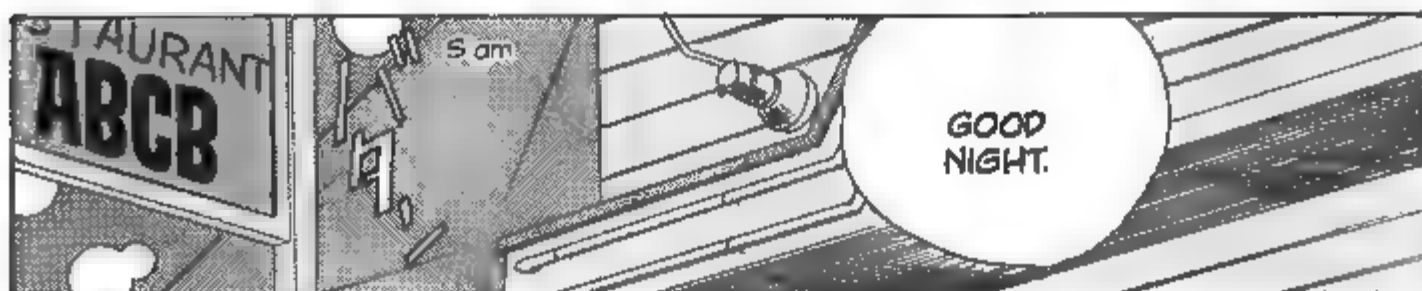


THAT'S
GOT
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH ME.



THEY
GO WILD
FROM
TOO
MUCH
ENERGY.

AL-
THOUGH
SOME
ARE SO
HOT-
BLOODED,

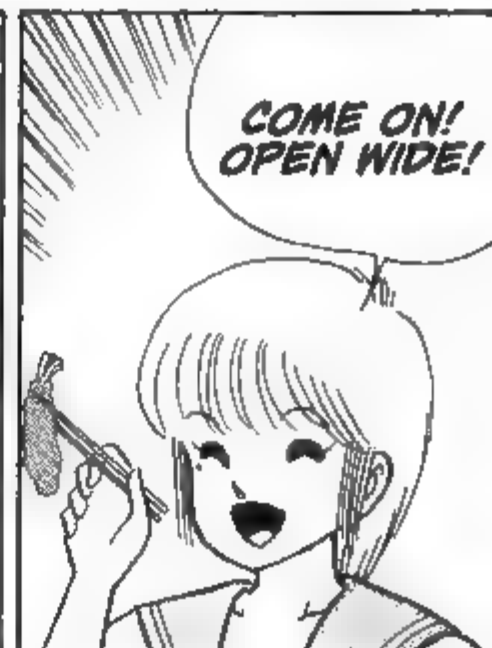
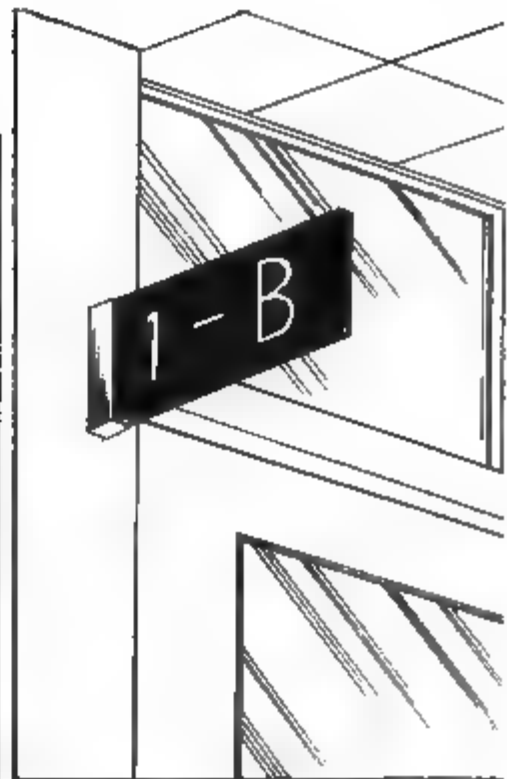
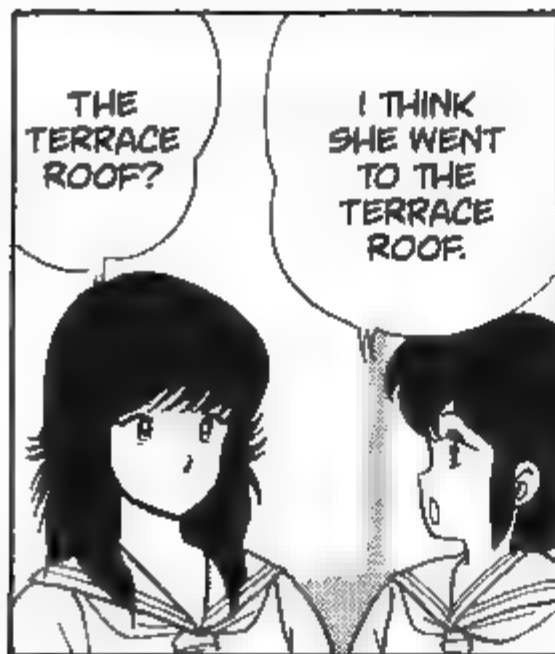


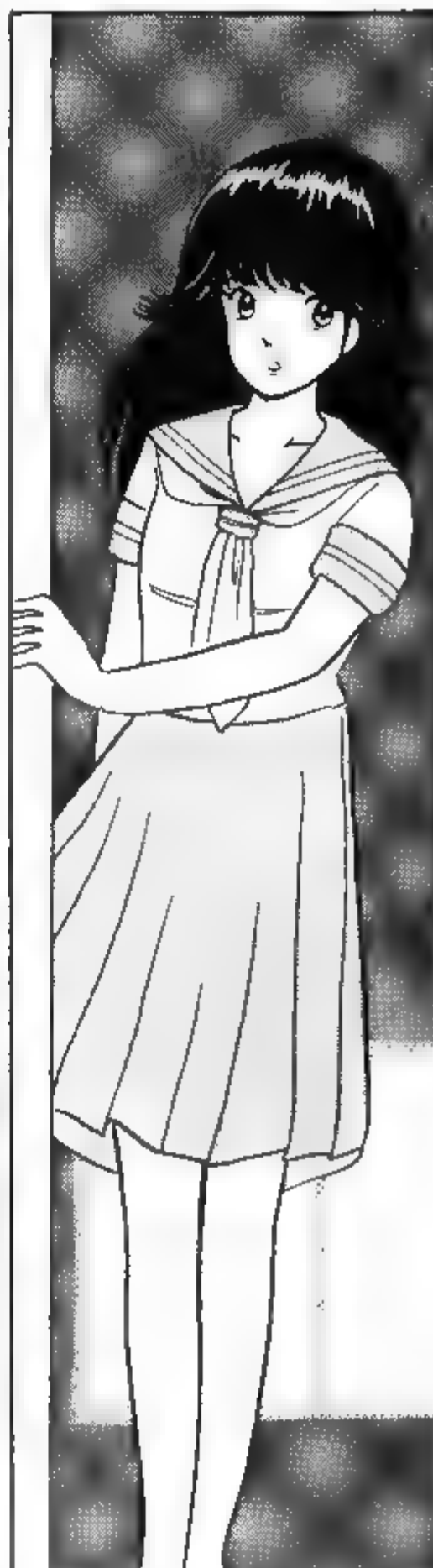
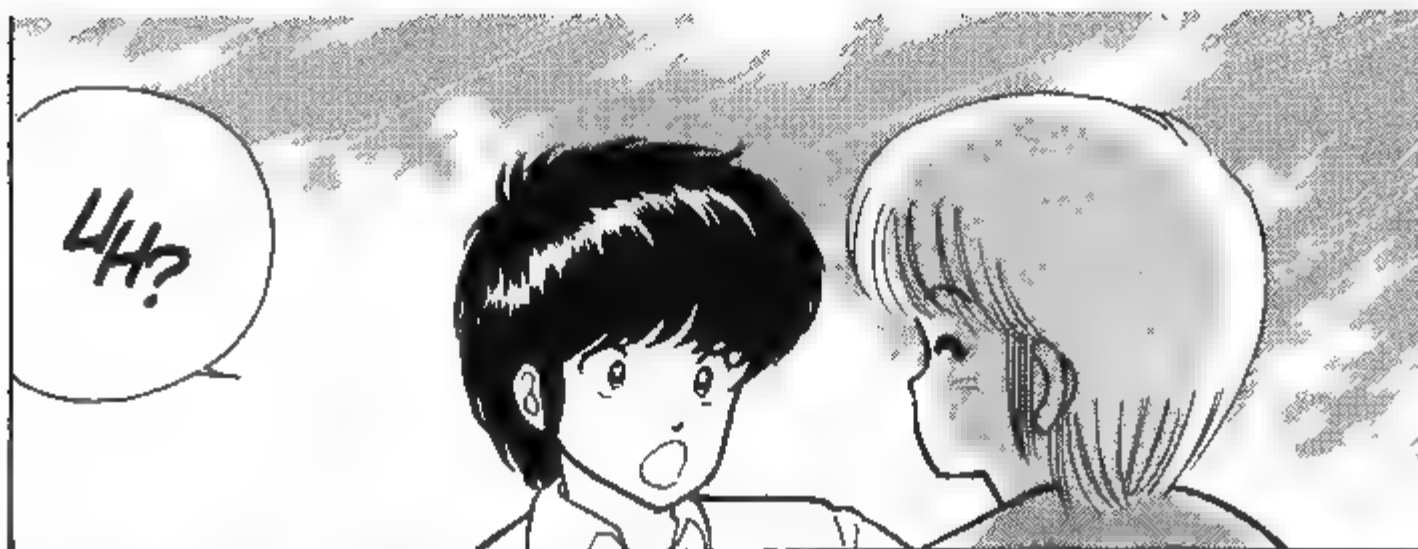




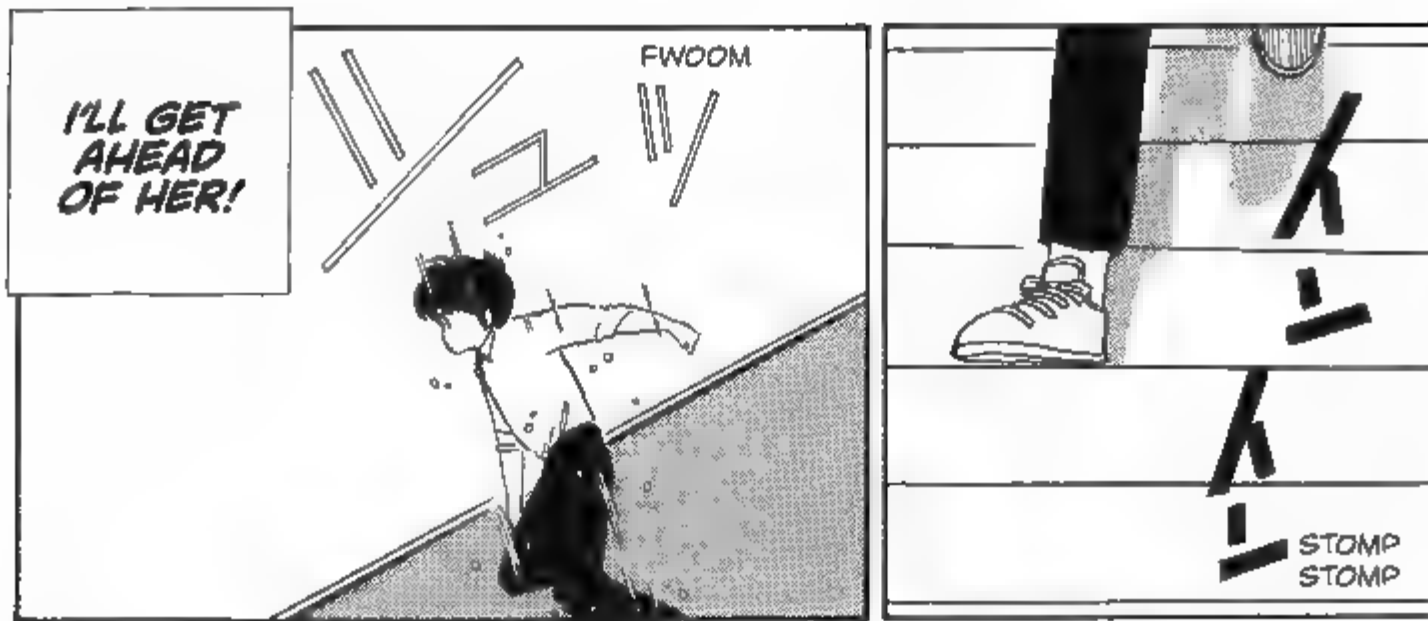




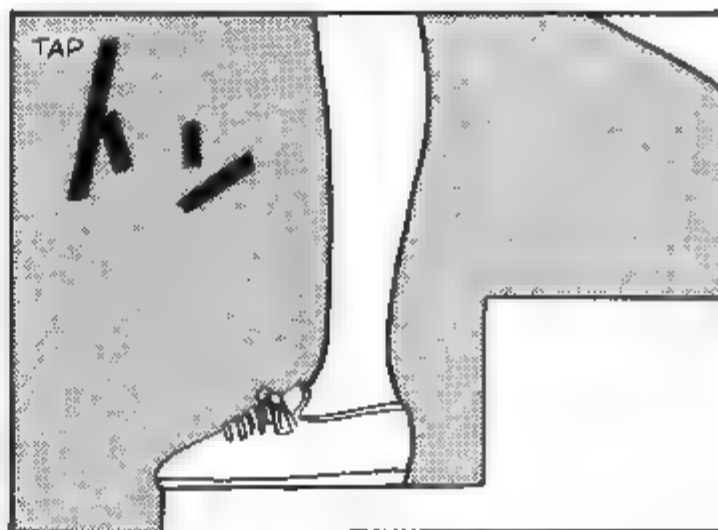


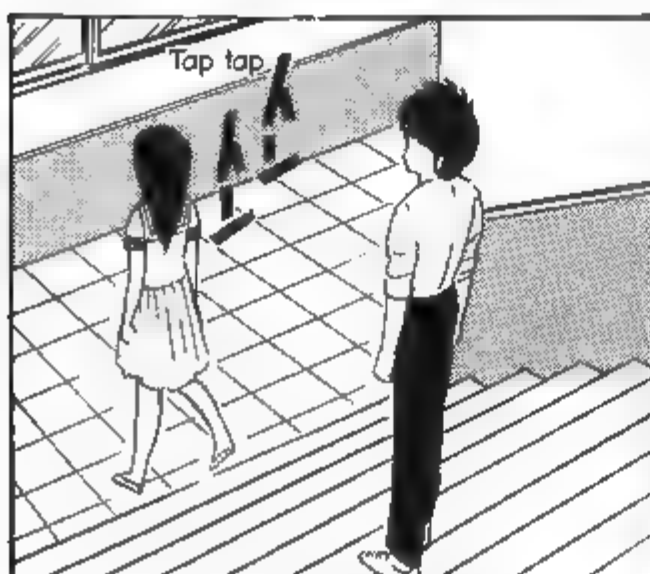














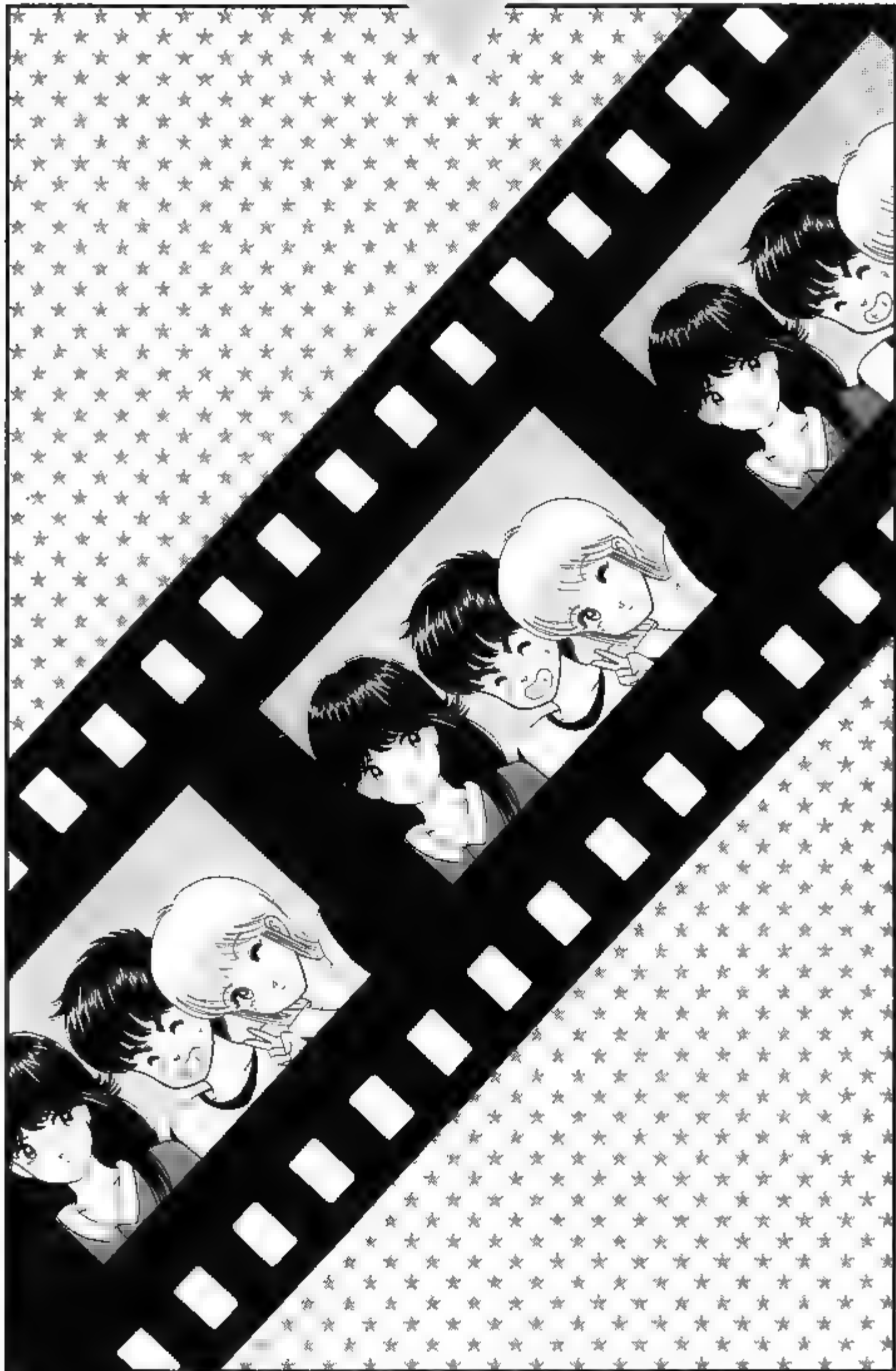
SOMEHOW, IT LOOKS LIKE AYUKAWA'S IN A BETTER MOOD...

...YOU CAN HAVE THIS.

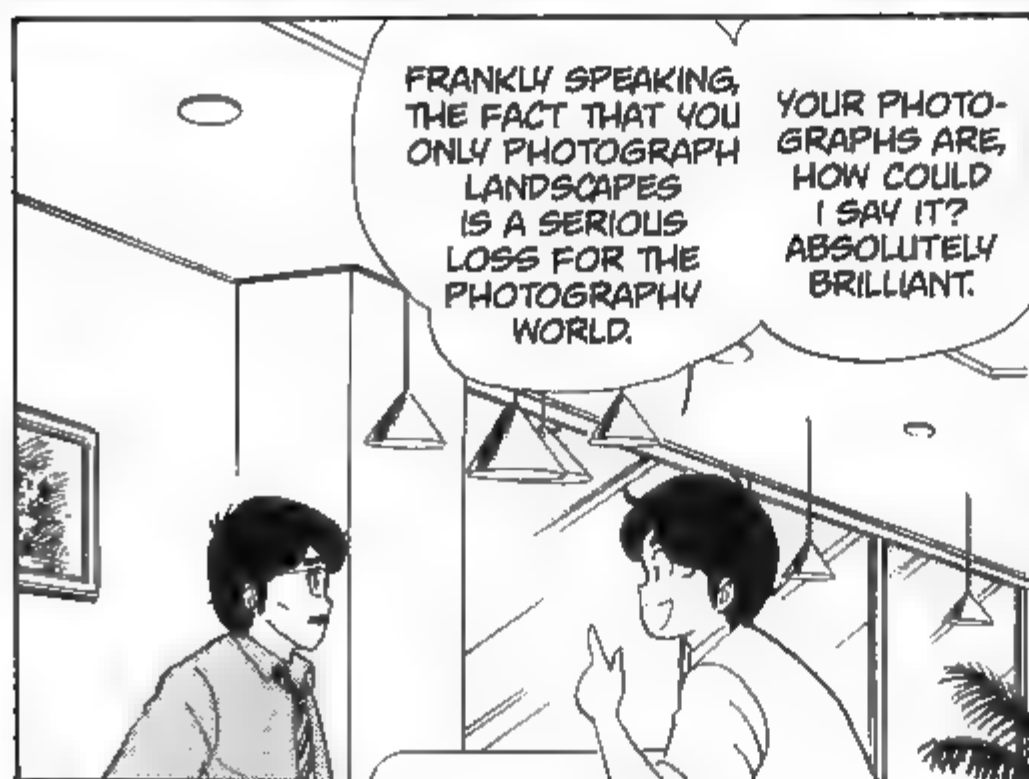


**KIMAGURE
ORANGE ROAD**

TWO SNAPS

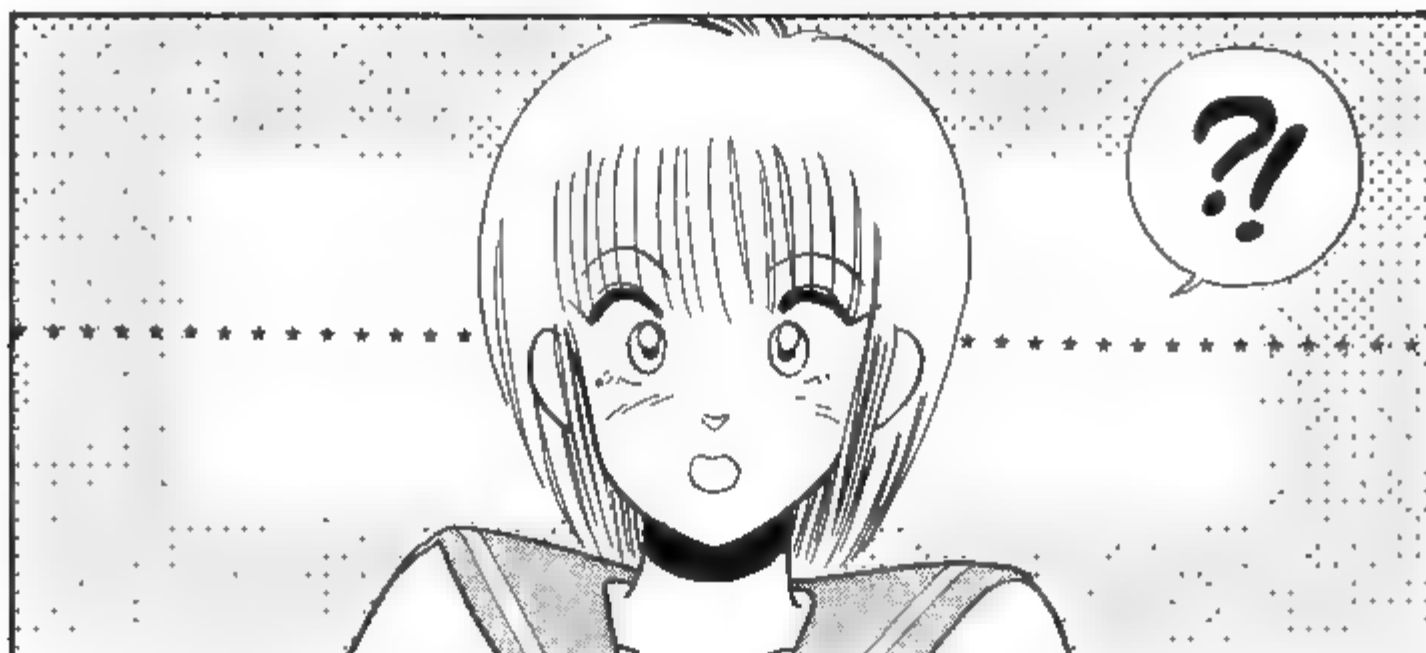
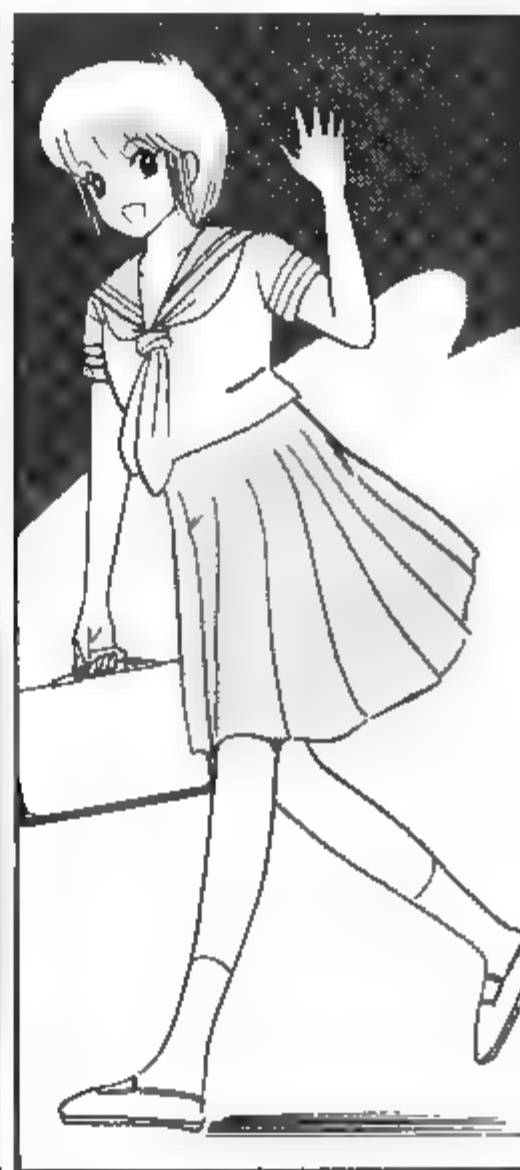


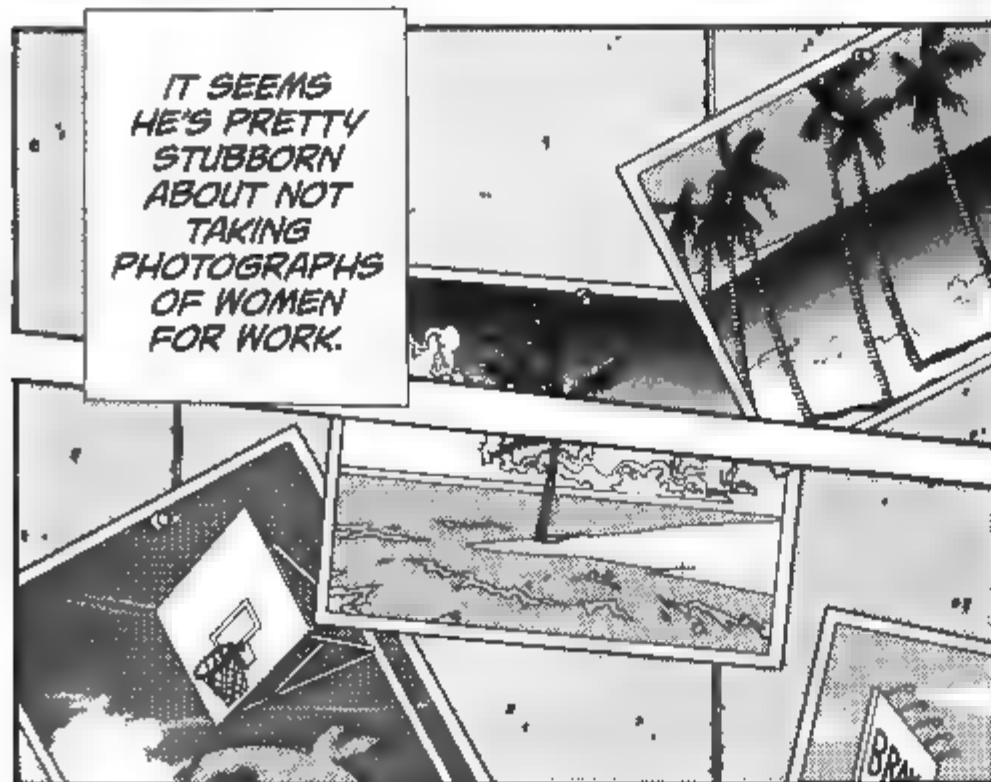
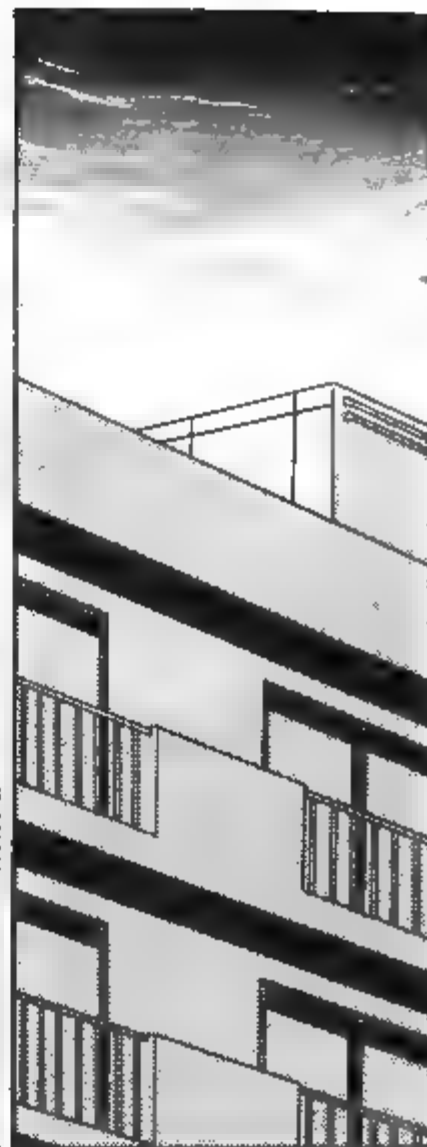
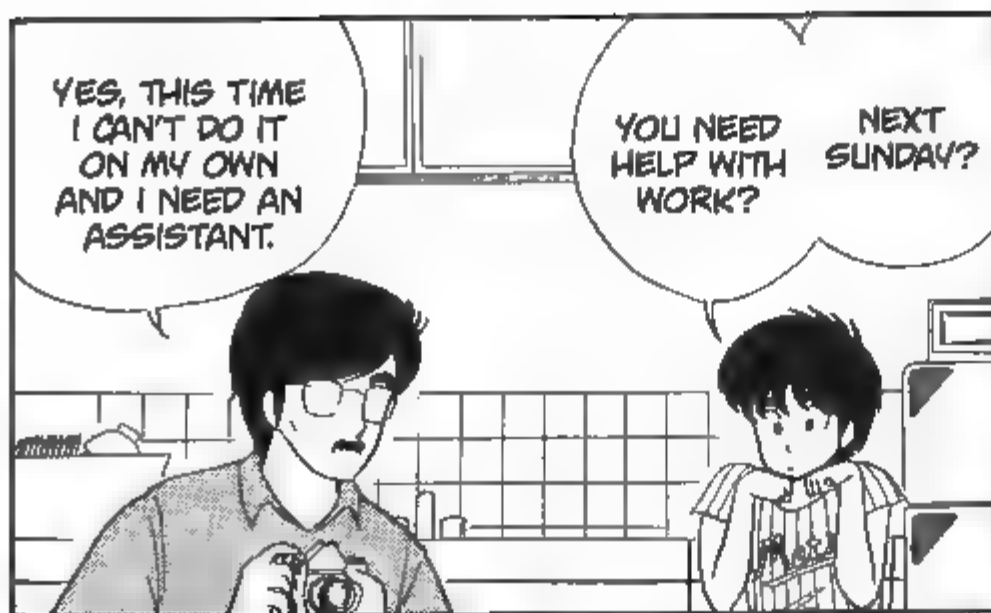
**Printed in the film of my heart...
a throbbing photograph with the colors of summer!**









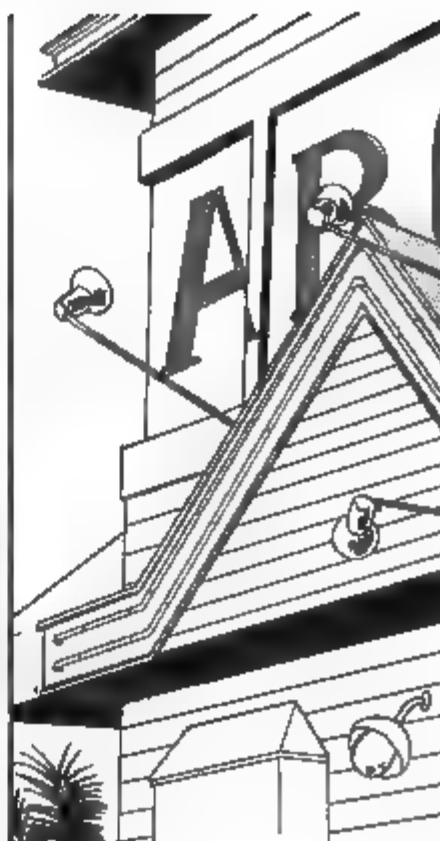




Y-YOU,
HIKARU?!



A PHOTOGRAPH
MODEL?!

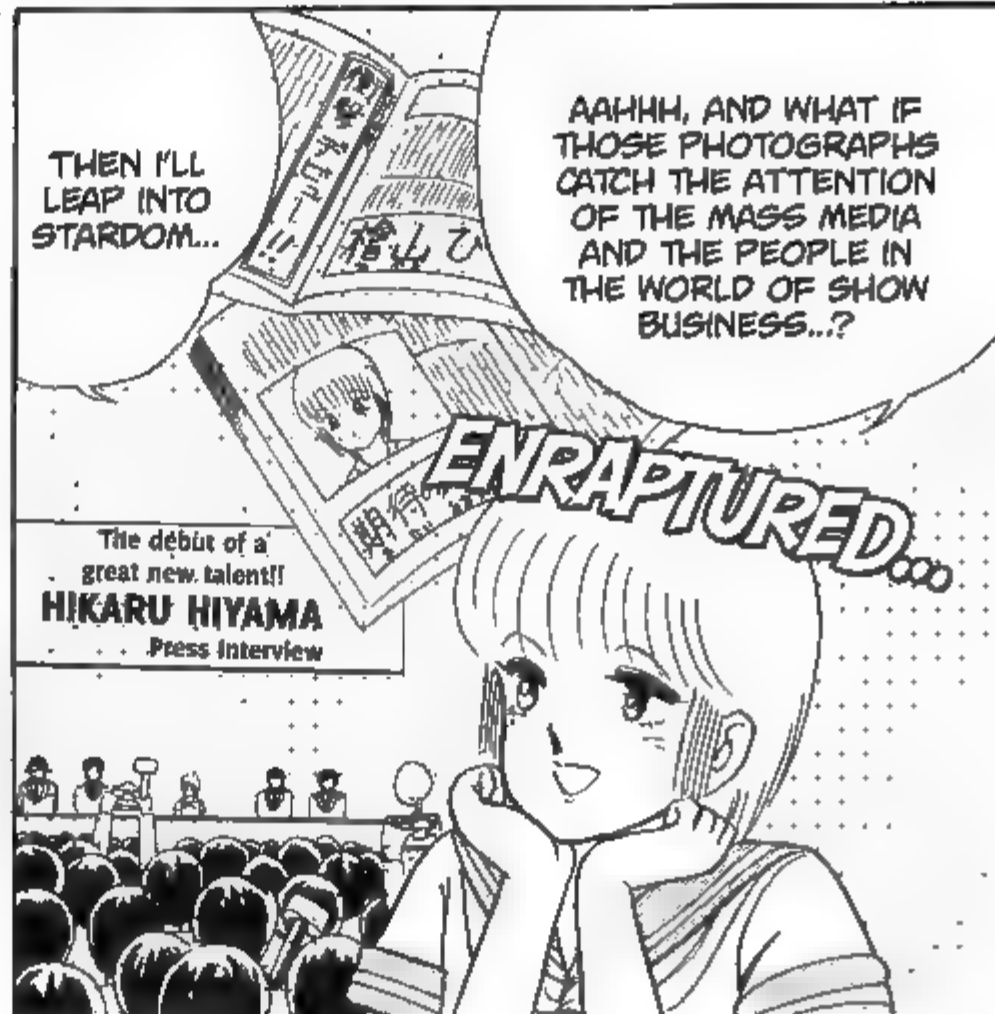


I MUST HAVE
SOME GOOD
POINTS IF THAT
PHOTOGRAPHER
NOTICED ME.

YES,
THE OTHER
DAY ON THE
STREET, THIS
MAN CASUALLY
ASKED ME.



BUT,
HIKARU,
YOU'D
BETTER
BE CARE-
FUL.

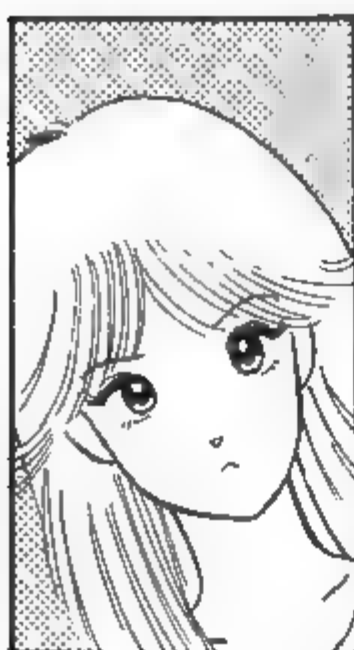


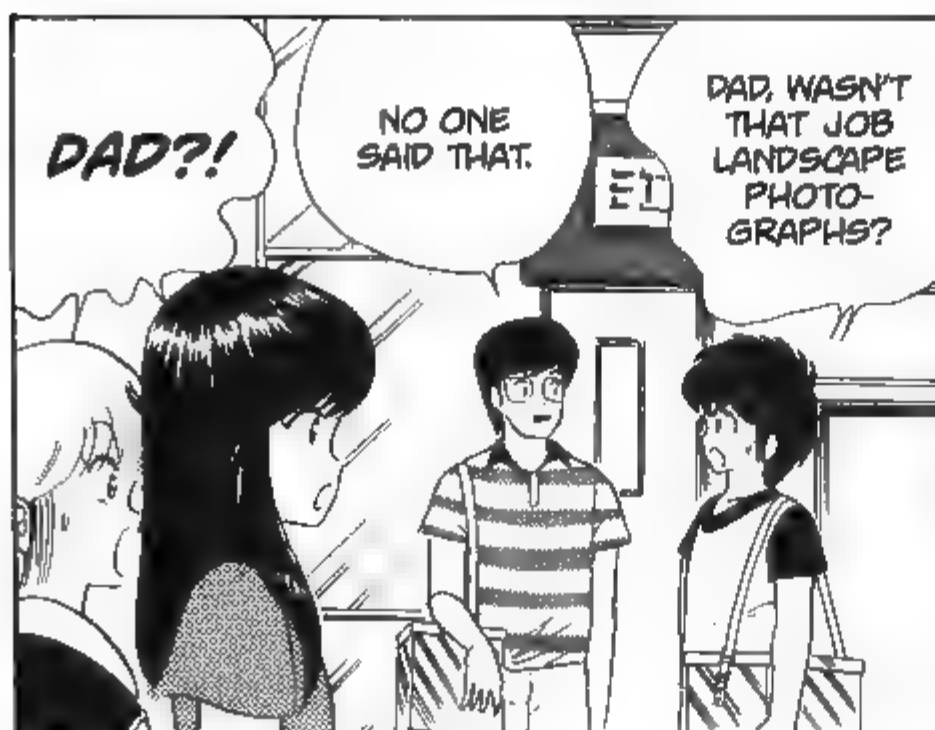
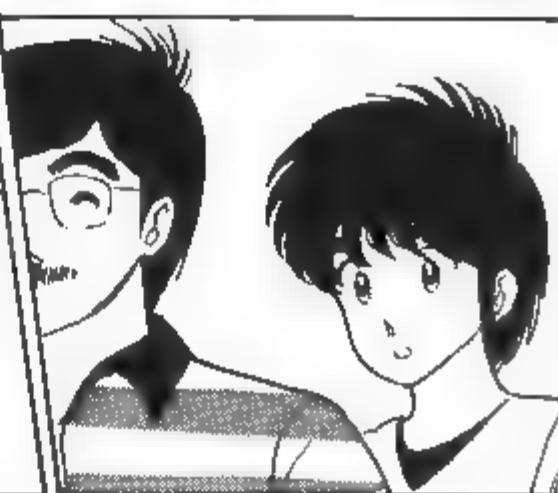
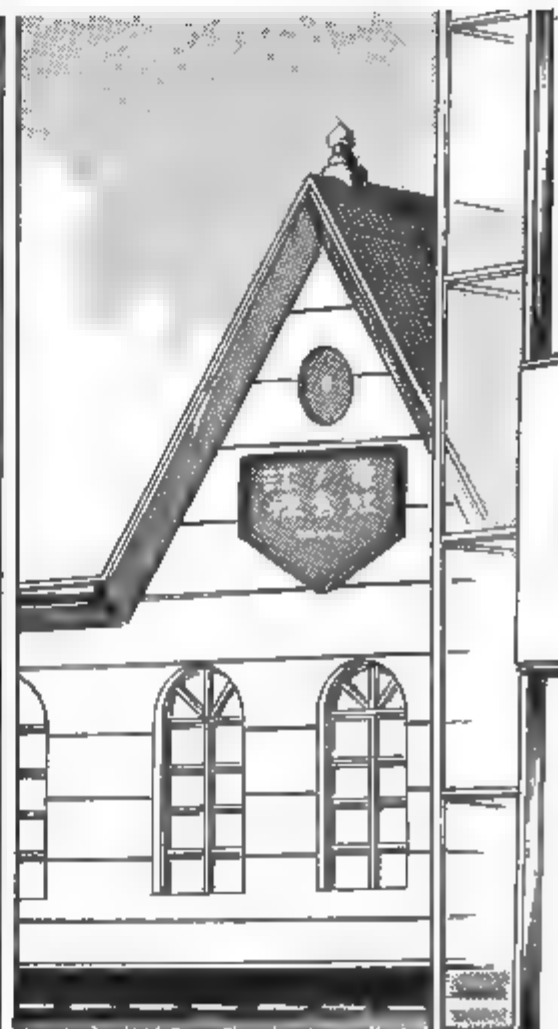
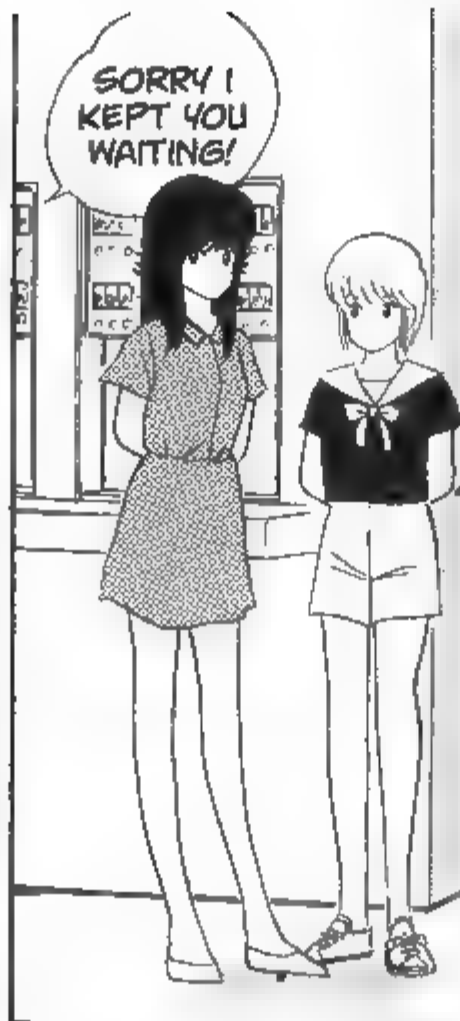
THEN I'LL
LEAP INTO
STARDOM...

AAHHH, AND WHAT IF
THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS
CATCH THE ATTENTION
OF THE MASS MEDIA
AND THE PEOPLE IN
THE WORLD OF SHOW
BUSINESS...?

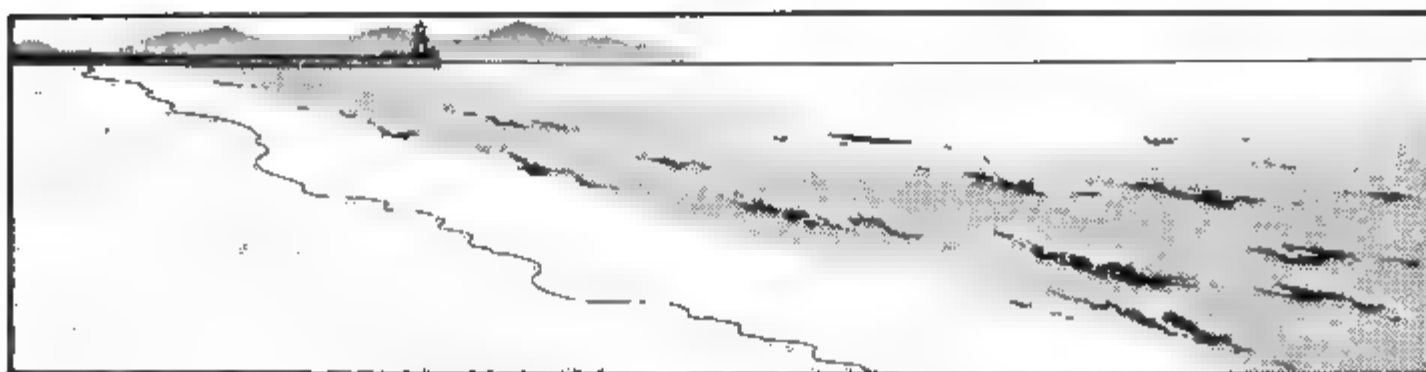
ENRAPTURED...

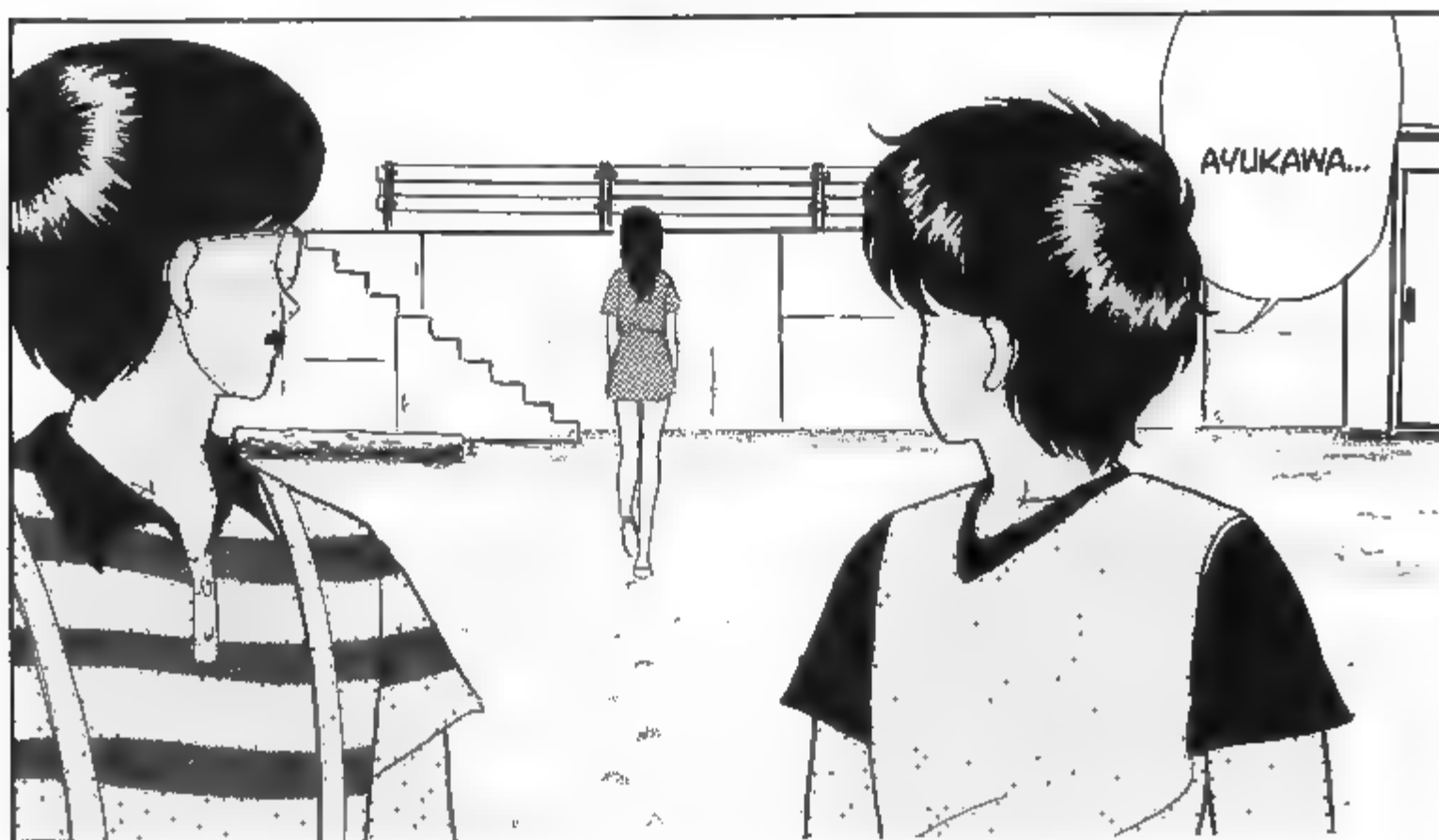
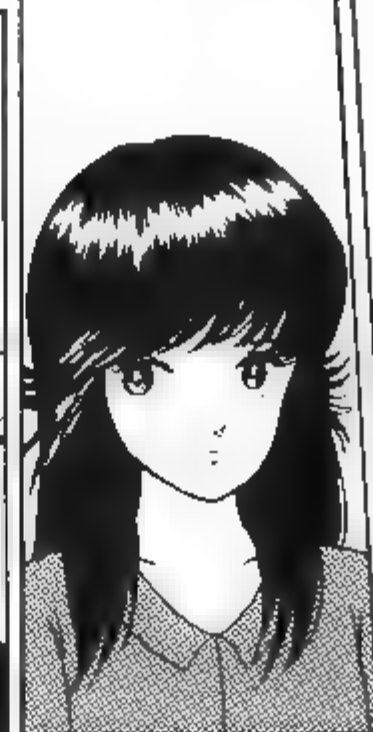
The debut of a
great new talent!!
HIKARU HIYAMA
Press Interview

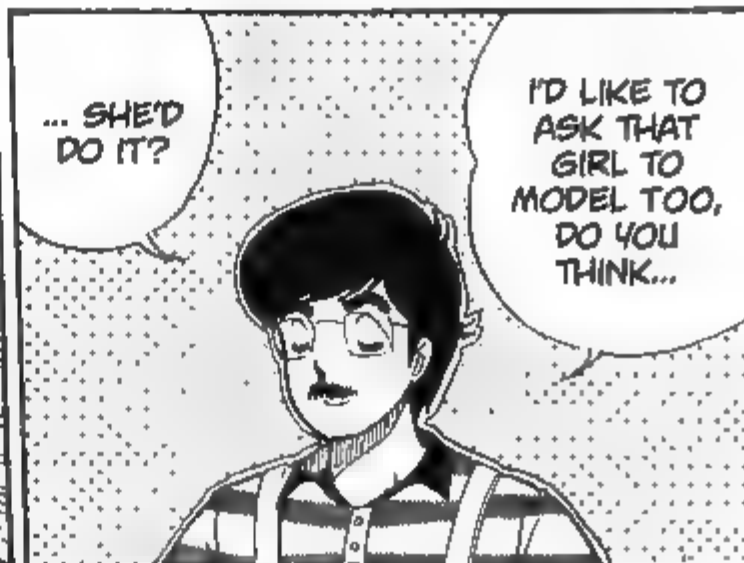


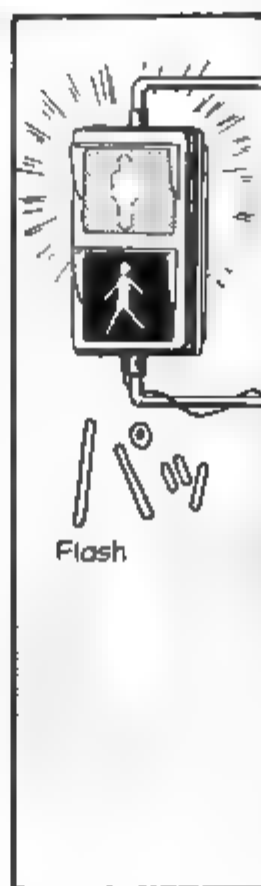


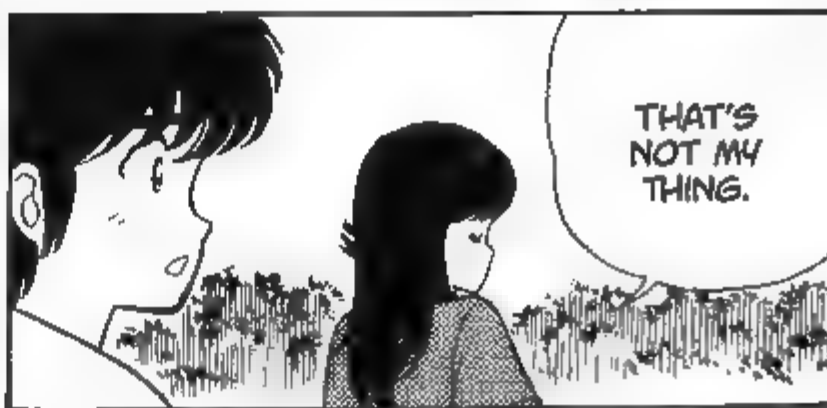


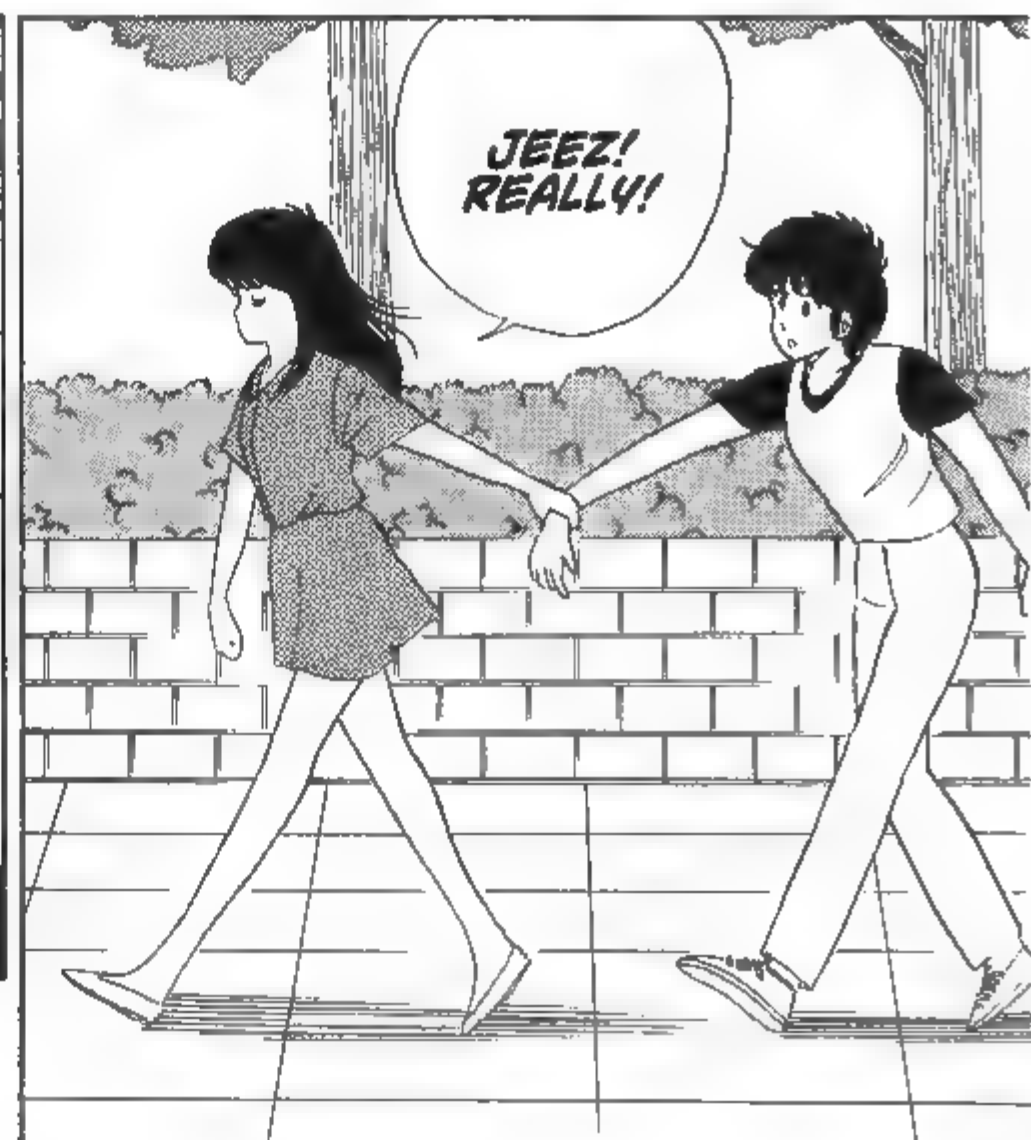




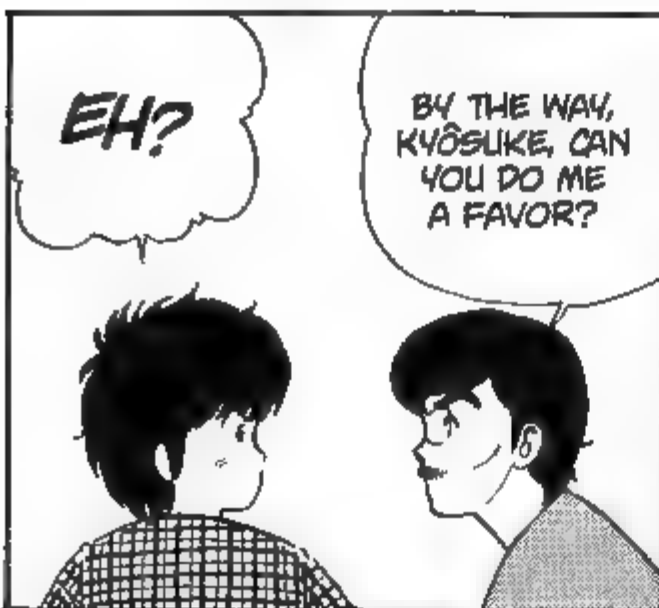
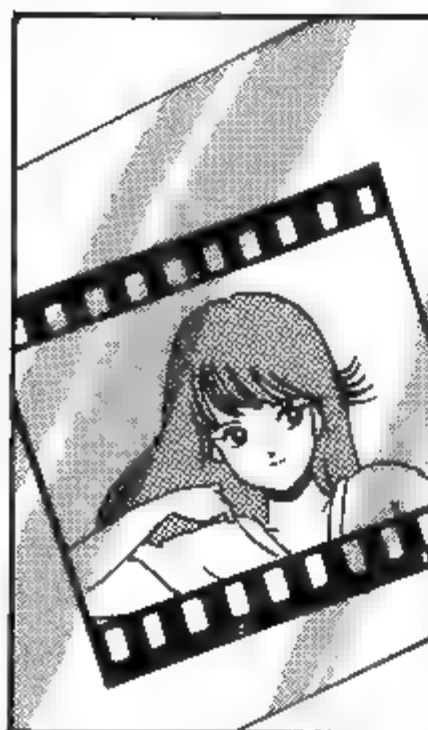


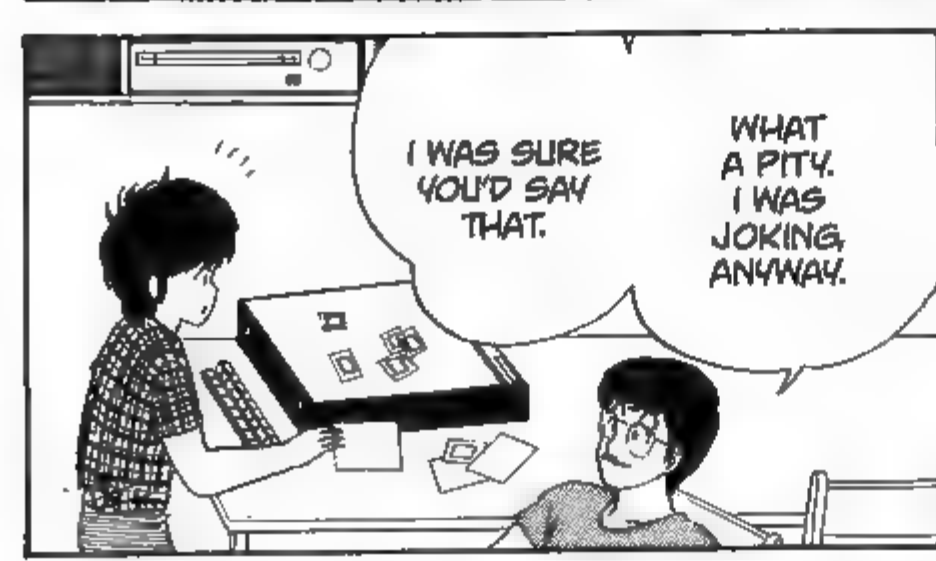


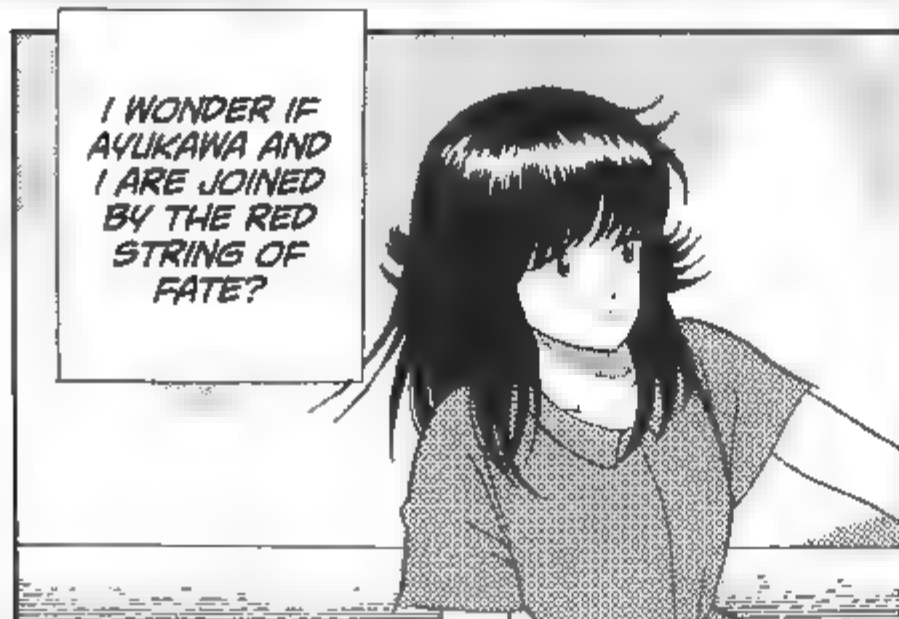


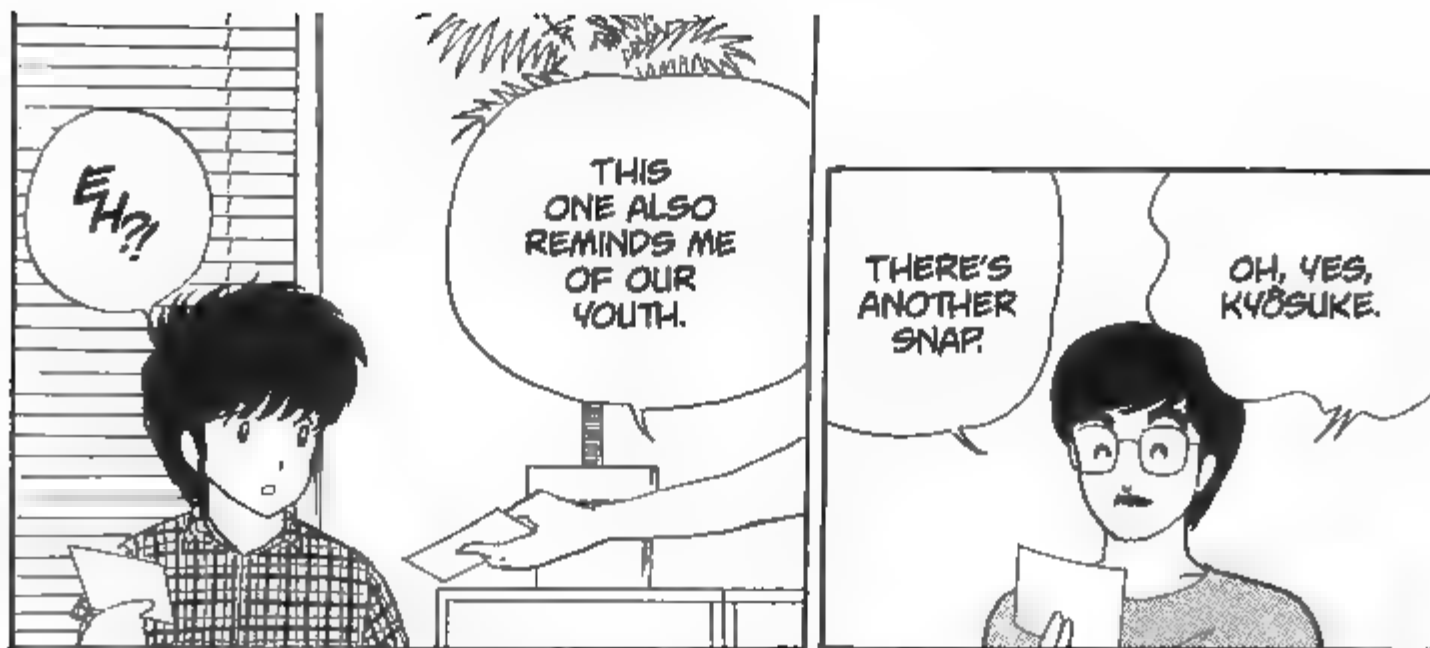












**KIMAGURE
ORANGE ROAD**



I SOMEHOW
FELT SOME-
ONE'S EYES
PIERCING MY
BACK...



CLING



P-
PLEASE,
HIKARU.

WHEN I
LEFT THE
ABCB WITH
HIKARU AS
I USUALLY
DID...

LET'S
GO HOME,
DARLING!

...THERE WAS
SOMEONE
THERE
LOOKING
AT ME!



AND WHEN
I TURNED
ROUND...



JEALOUSY RAIN

JEALOUSY RAIN



**I like you lingering in the rain...
with your shy little smile.**

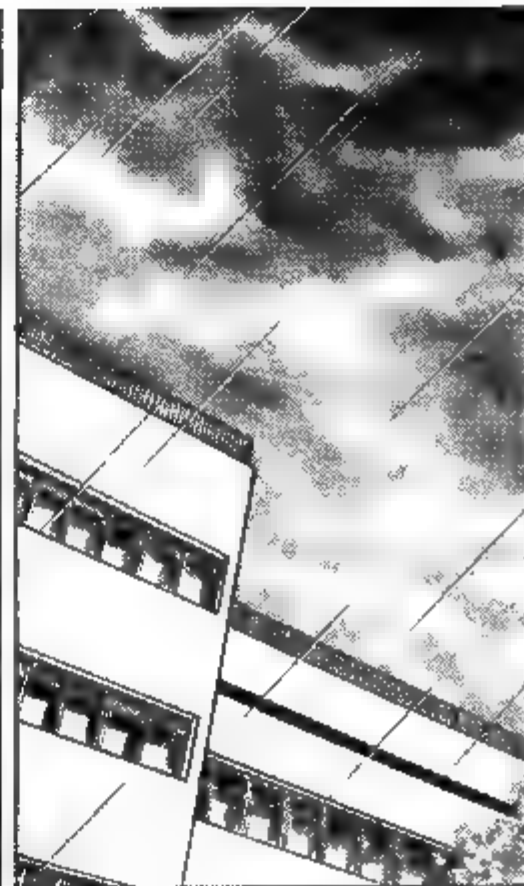


**You call and stop me from behind,
saying "I'll come with you!"**





WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
STANDING
THERE IN
A DAZE?



I'M NOT
STANDING
HERE FOR
PLEASURE...



AREN'T
YOU
GOING
HOME?

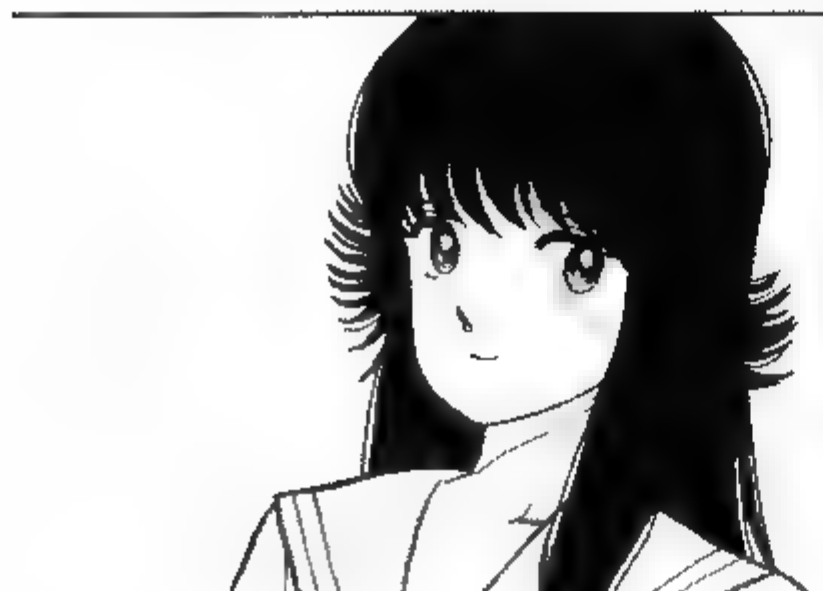


I'M
AFRAID
I AM.

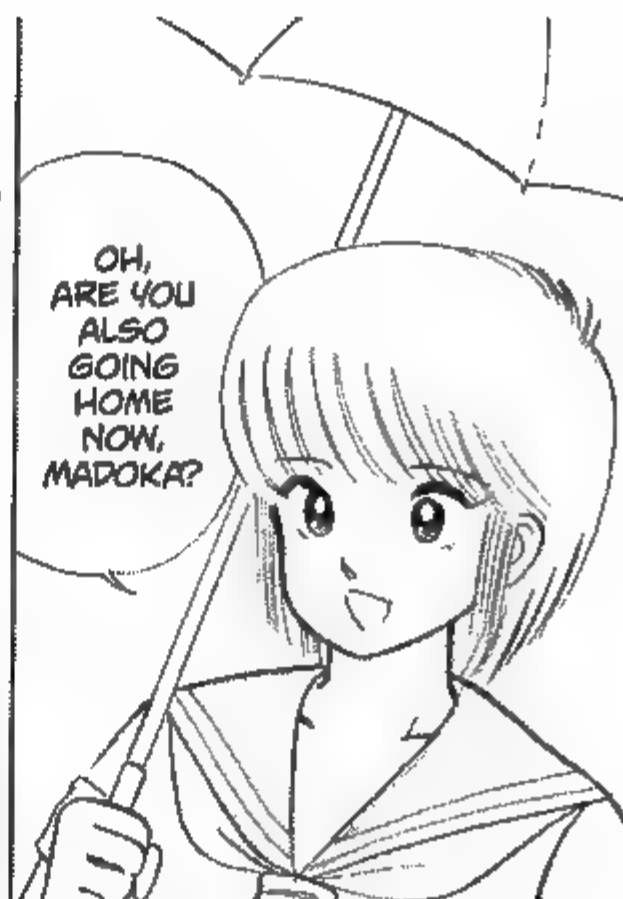


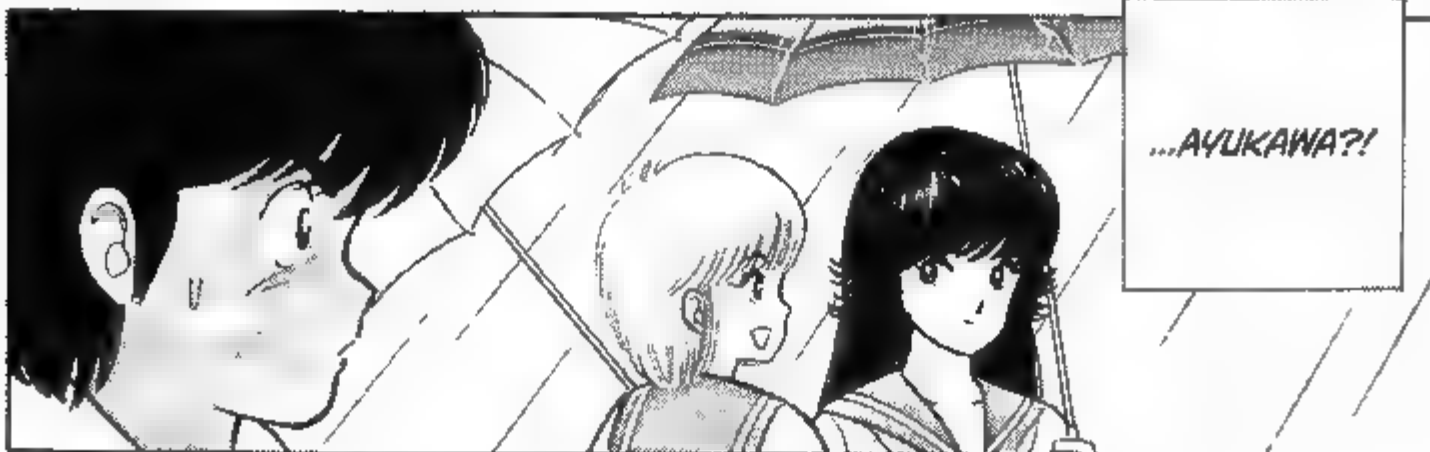
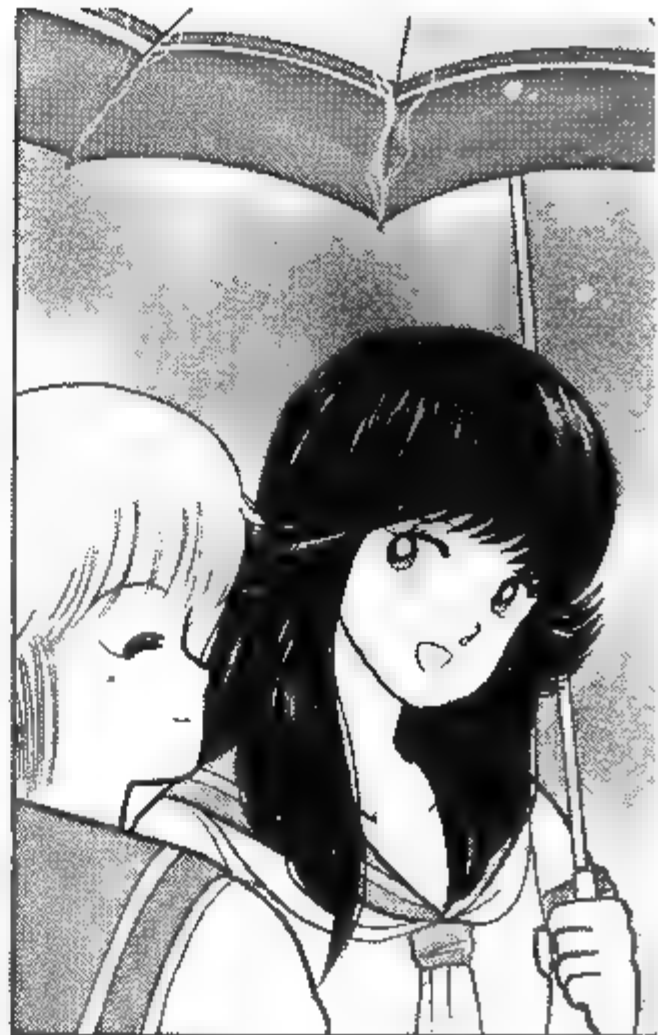
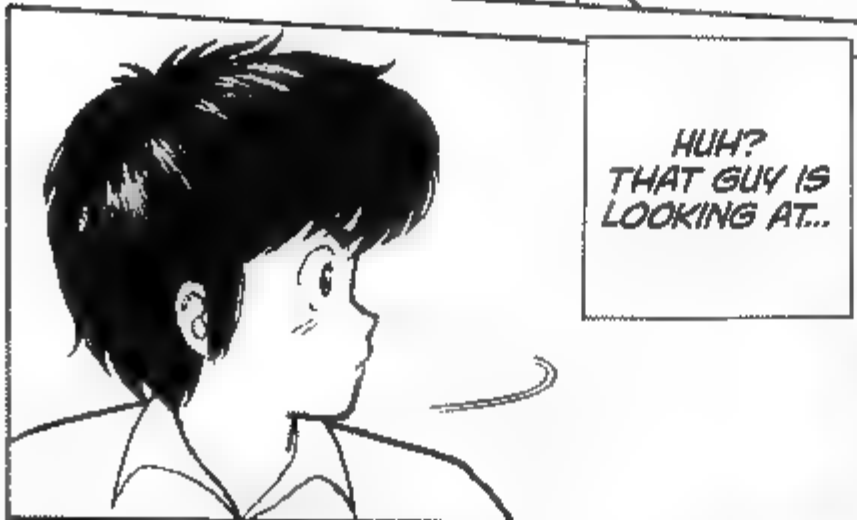
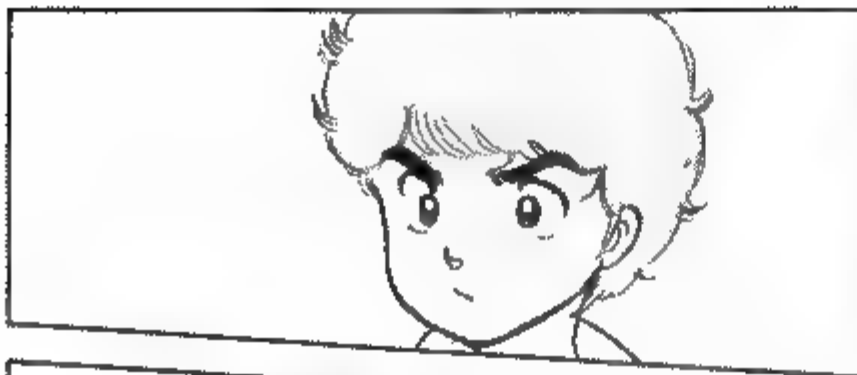
BUT IT
LOOKS AS
THOUGH
YOU ARE.

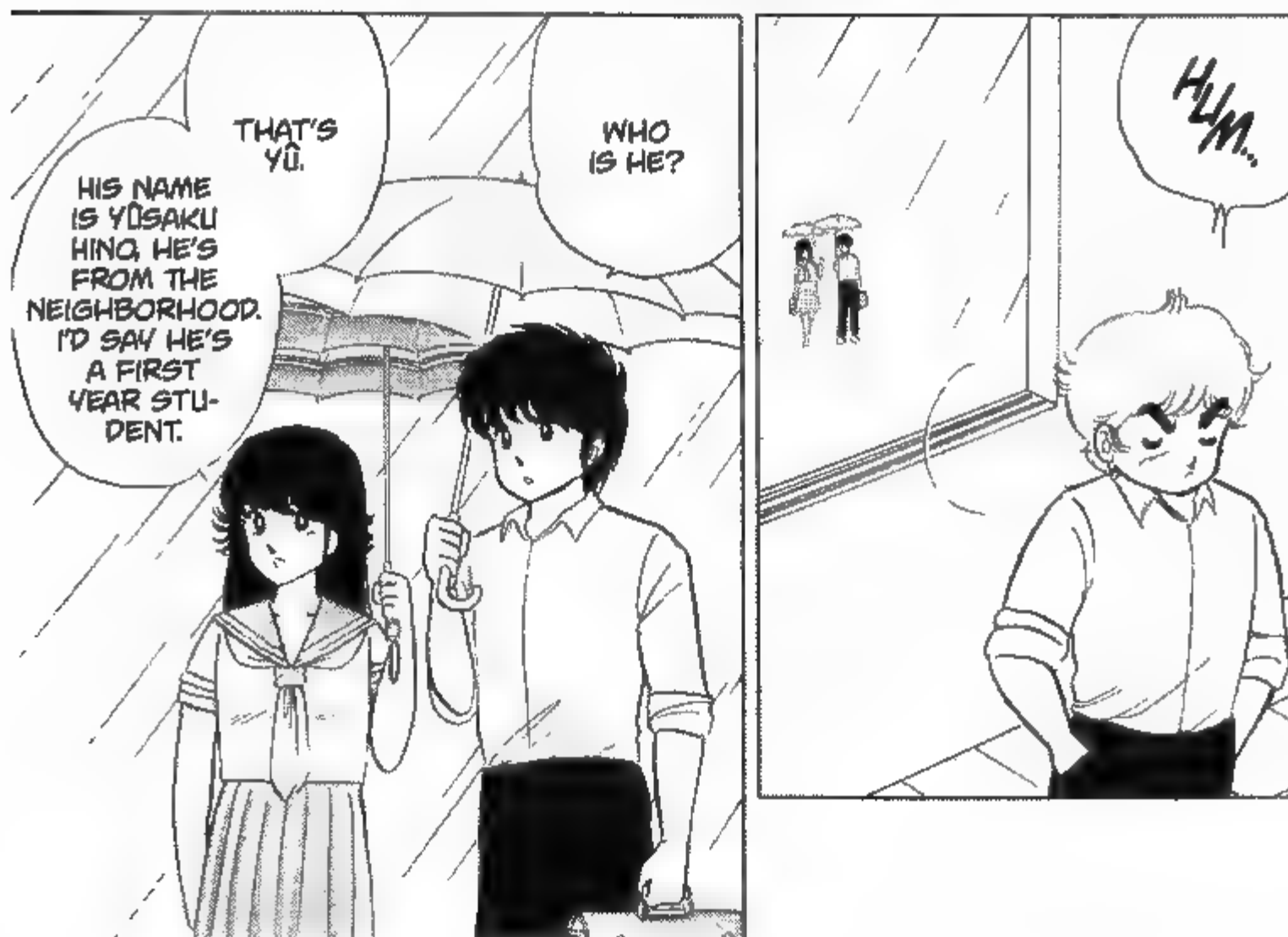
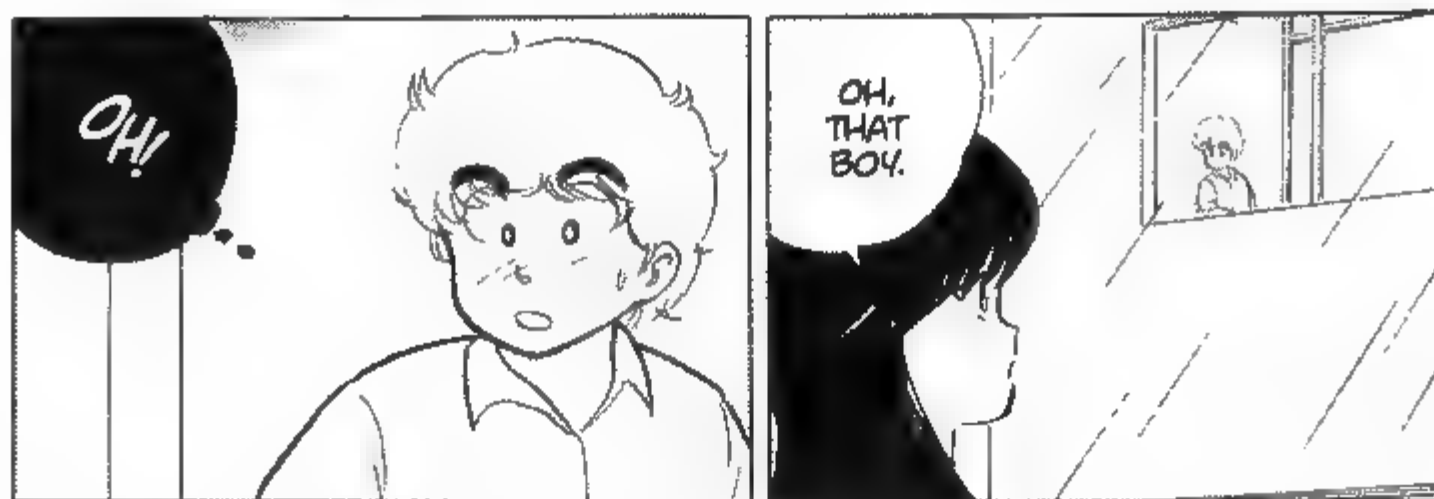
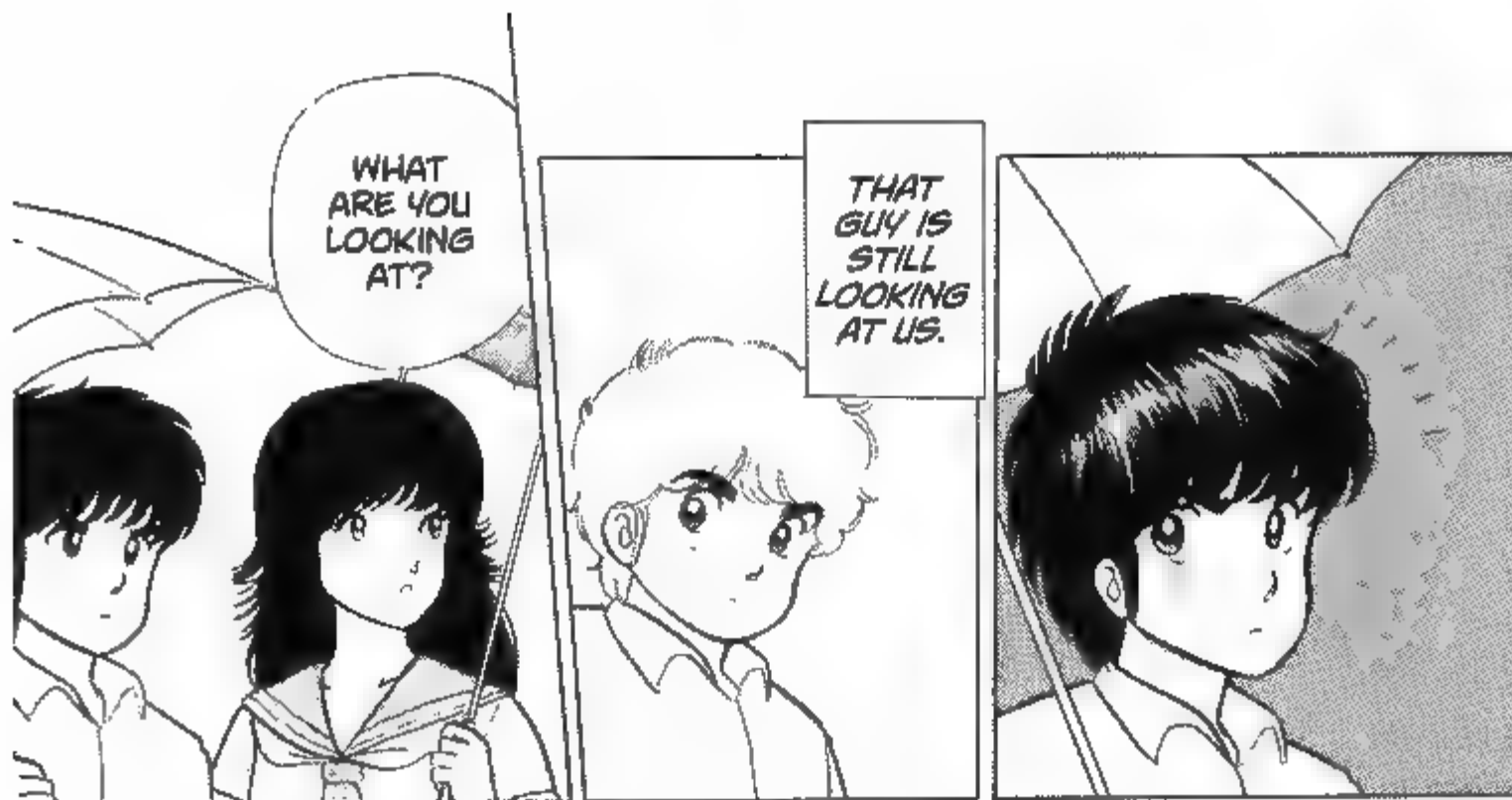
I'D NEVER
THINK YOU
WERE SO SIMPLE
AS TO FORGET
YOUR UMBRELLA
DURING
THE RAINY
SEASON.

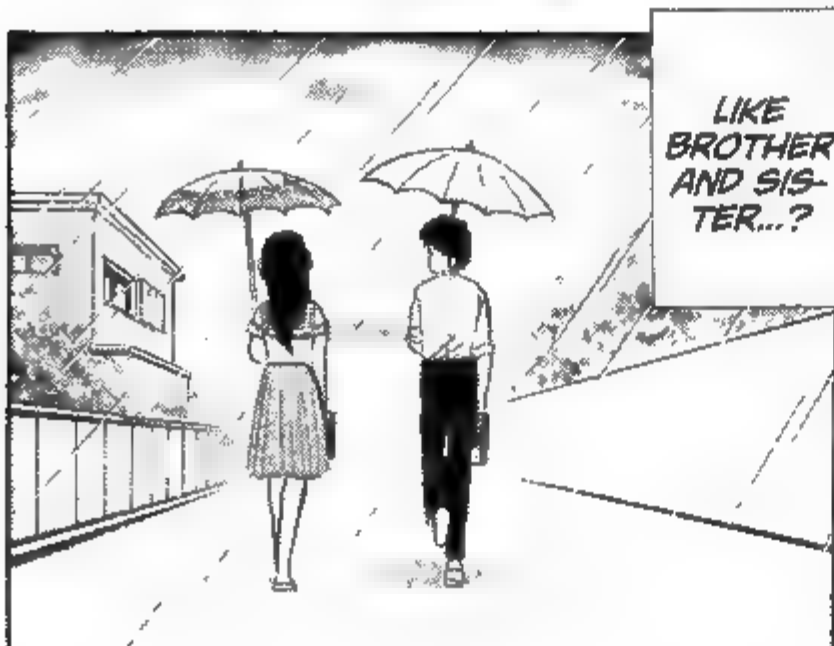
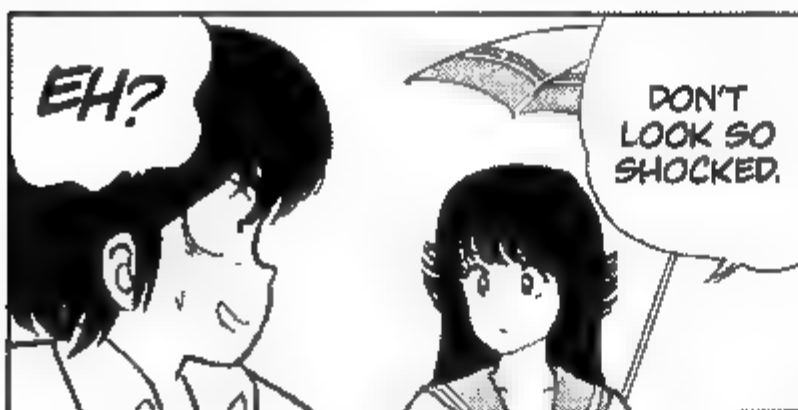














AND HE WAS NOT LOOKING AT HER LIKE A BROTHER WOULD.

BUT I'M SURE HE WAS LOOKING AT AYUKAWA!



SO HE KNOWS A SIDE OF AYUKAWA THAT I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!

BESIDES, IF HE'S A CHILDHOOD FRIEND, THAT MEANS HE WAS WITH AYUKAWA MANY YEARS AGO...

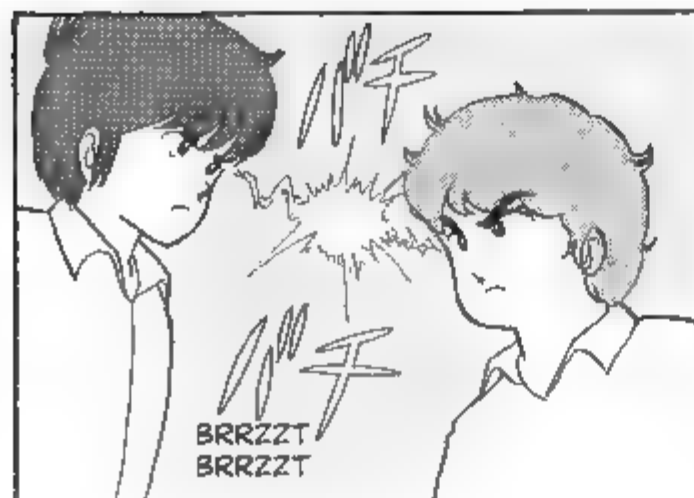
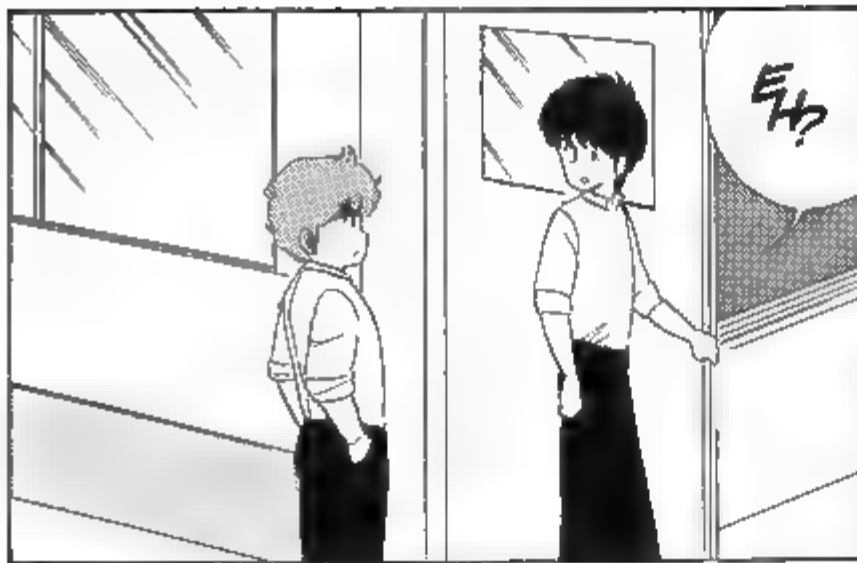


MAYBE THAT GUY'S FEELINGS FOR AYUKAWA...

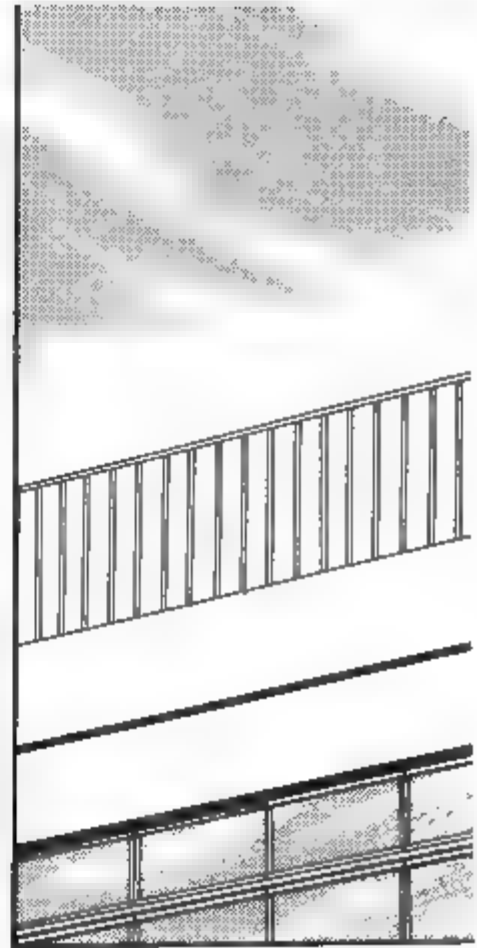
DARN HIM!!

WELL, NOT ONE SIDE... BUT ALL OF HER!!

波羅陀總公





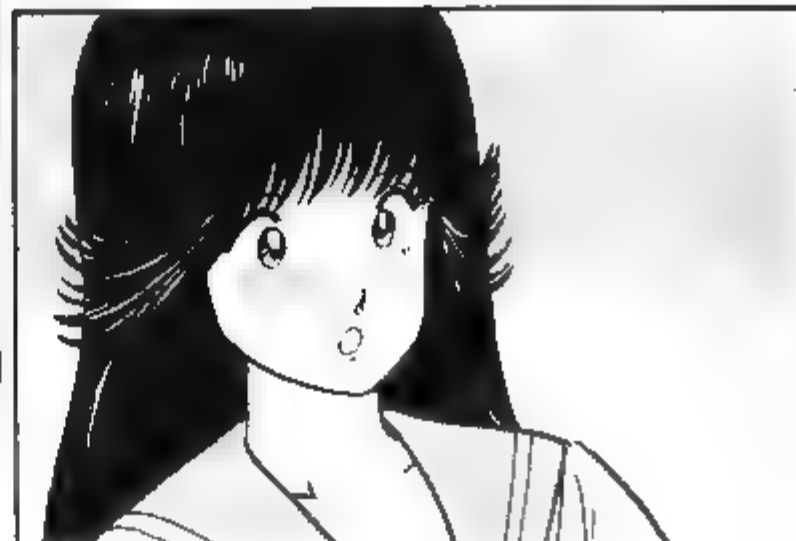


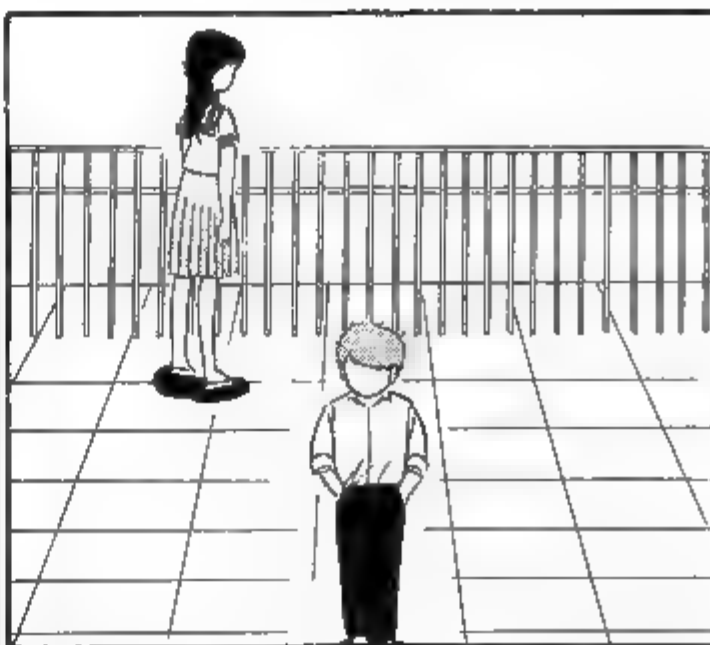
AND BEING A
CHILDHOOD
FRIEND GIVES
HIM A GREAT
LEAD OVER ME...
AFTER ALL,
HE'S KNOWN
AYUKAWA FOR
MANY YEARS.



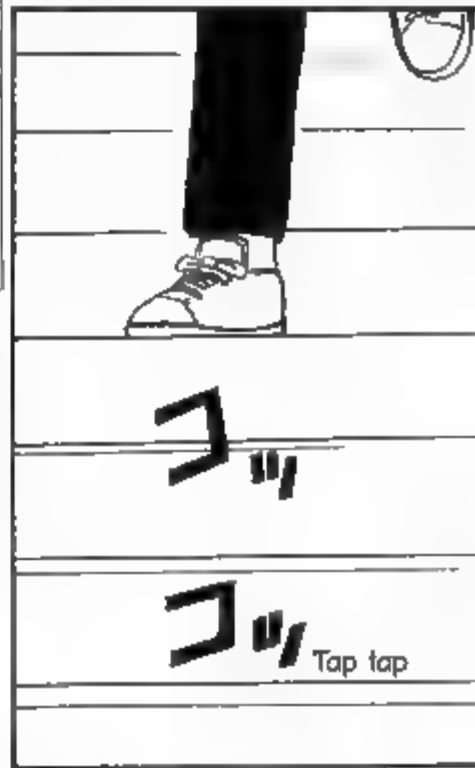
SHIT, WHAT ON
EARTH DOES HE
WANT TO TALK
TO HER ABOUT?
AND AYUKAWA
LOOKED VERY
PLEASED TOO.
DAMN.

W-WHAT?
WHAT DID
HE TELL
HER JUST
THEN?

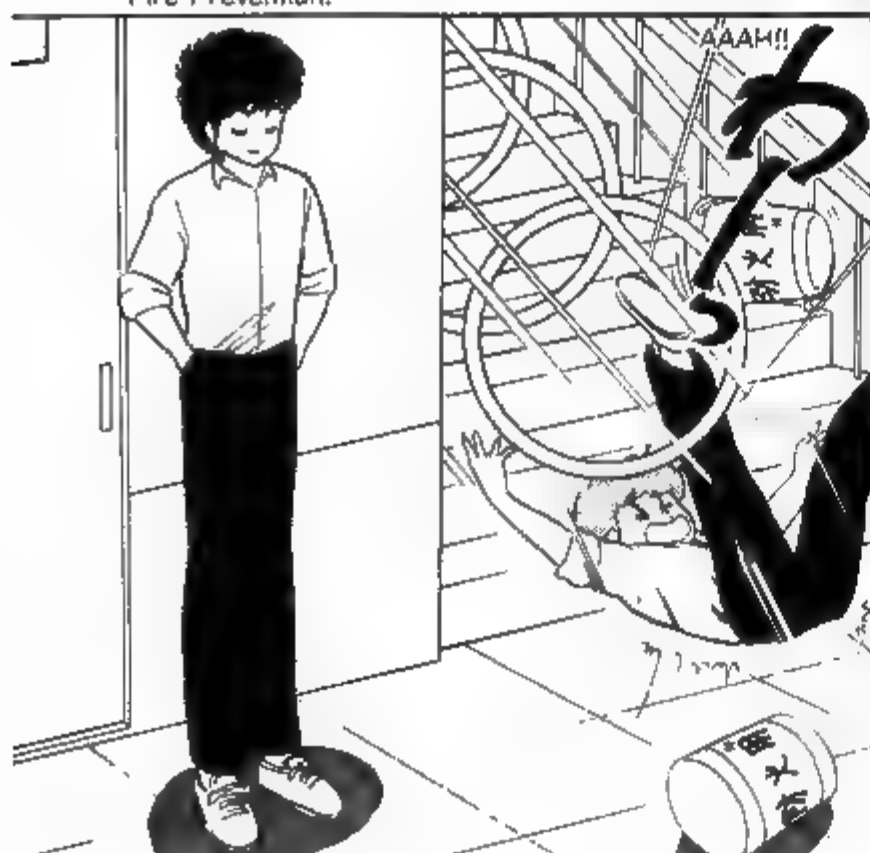




RIGHT ON,
I'LL GIVE
HIM A
LITTLE
SCARE!

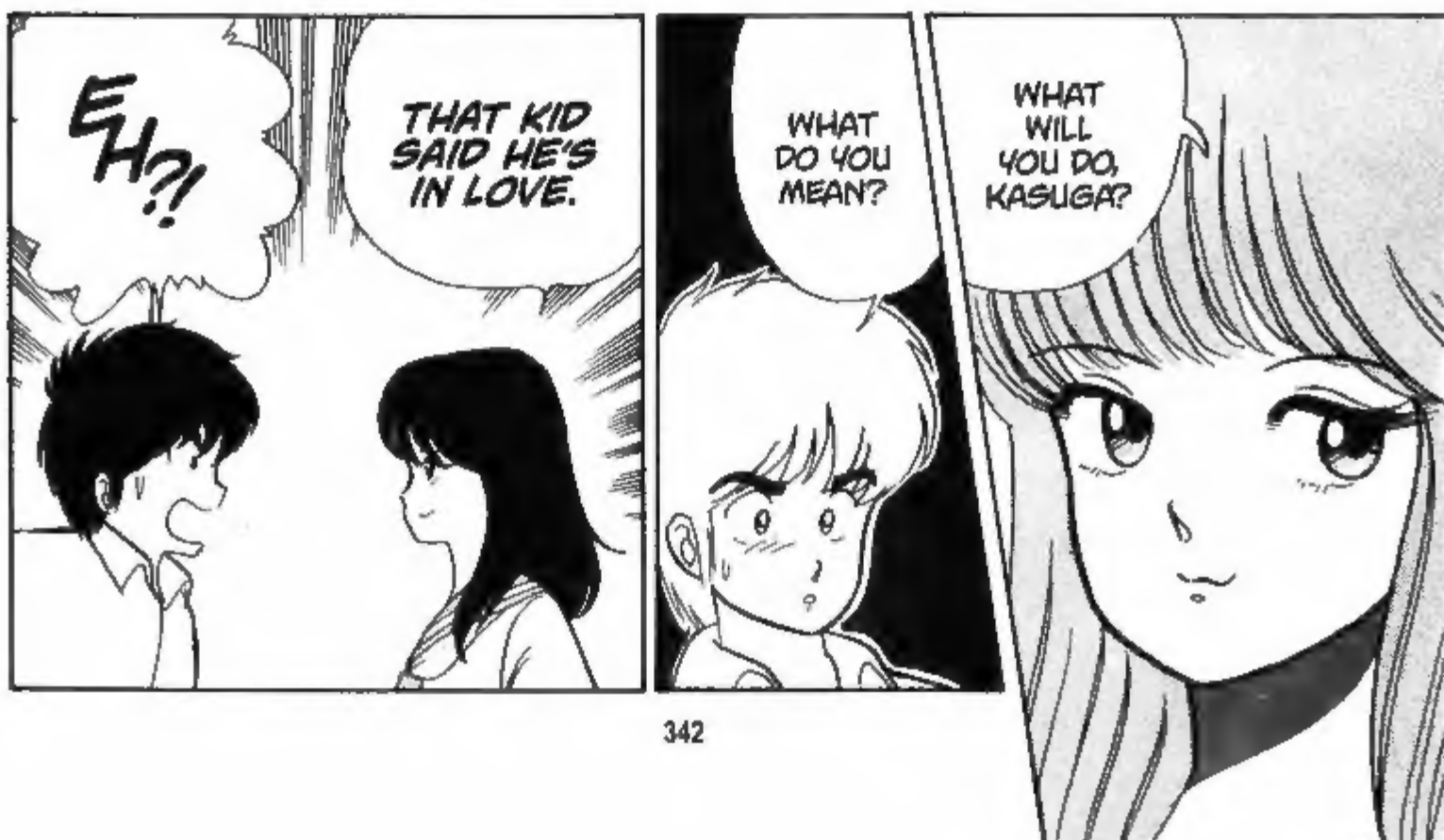


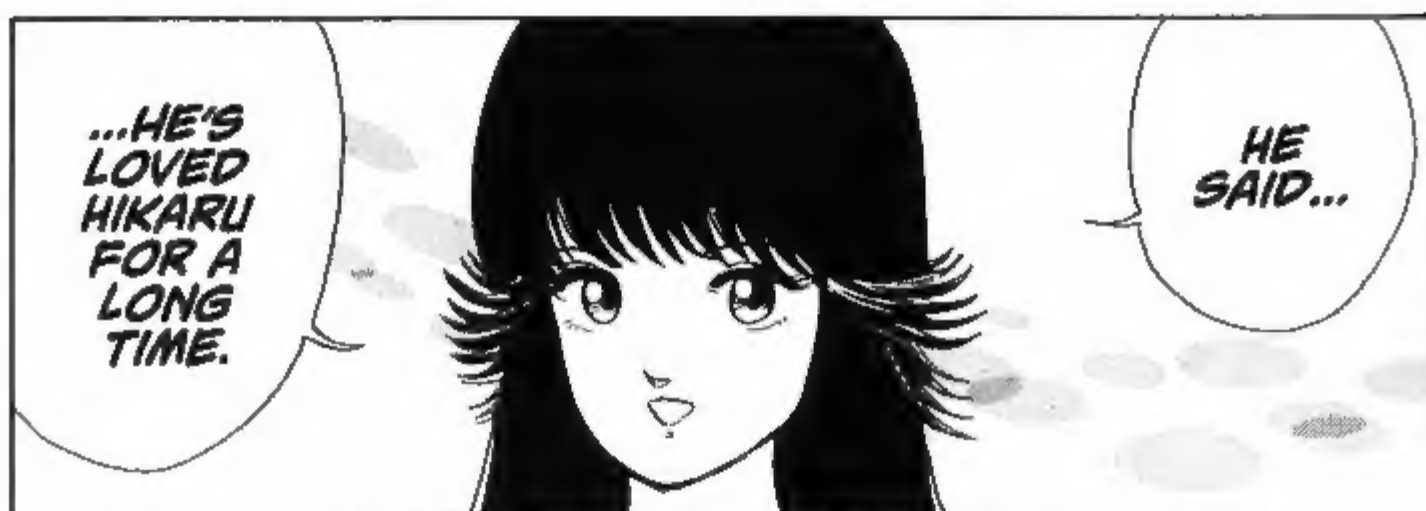
*Fire Prevention.















IN ANY
CASE,
I'M REAL
PLEASED.



I DON'T KNOW
WHY, BUT I DID
FEEL RELIEVED
WHEN I HEARD
AYUKAWA WAS
NOT THE GIRL
HE WAS AFTER!



WHAT
IS IT?



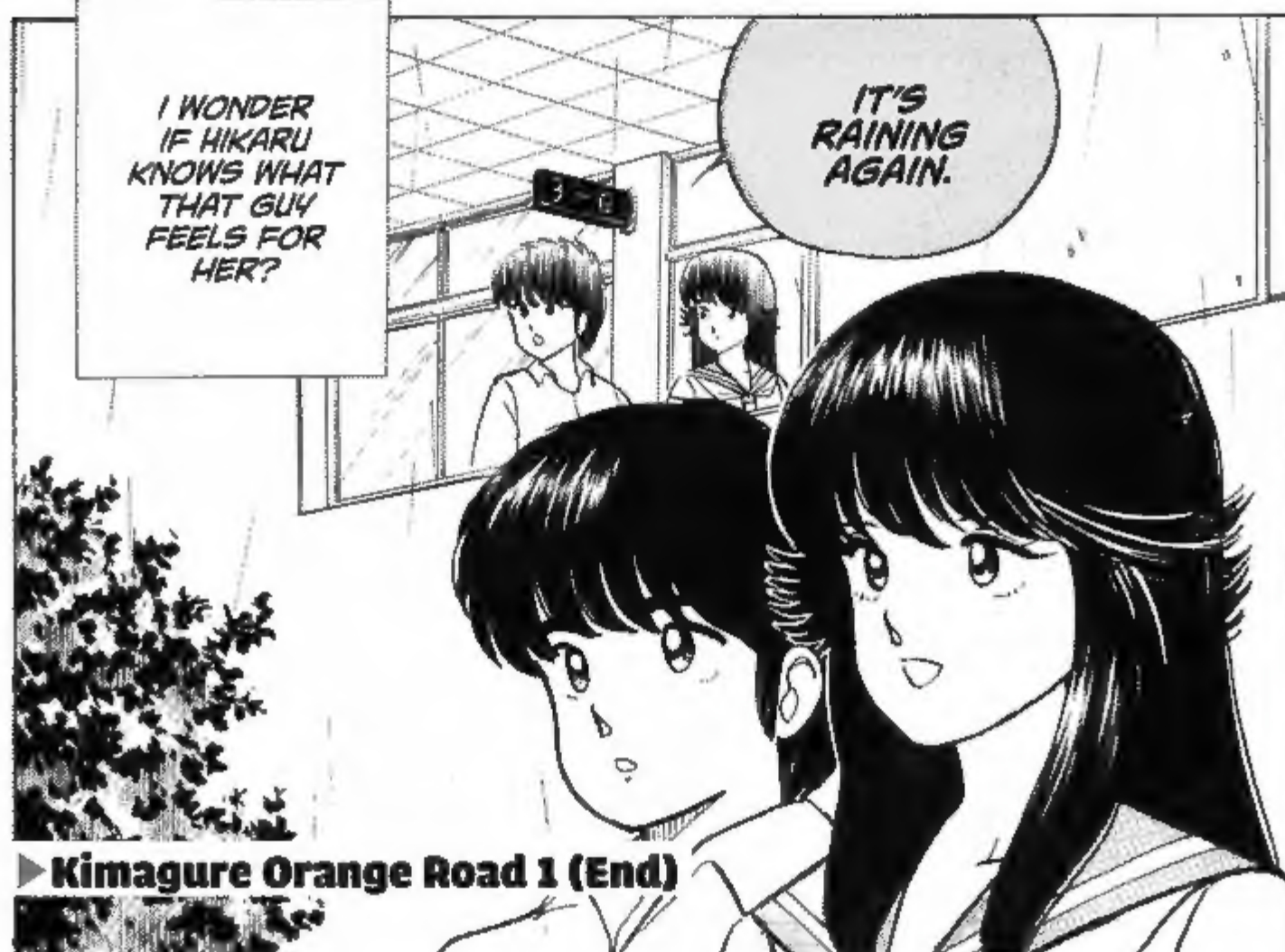
OH!



HOWEVER,
THINGS
HAVE GOT
COMPLI-
CATED...



COME ON,
IT'S TIME
TO GO TO
CLASS.



I WONDER
IF HIKARU
KNOWS WHAT
THAT GUY
FEELS FOR
HER?

IT'S
RAINING
AGAIN.